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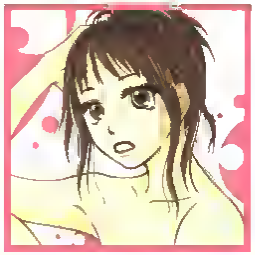

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THE STORY SO FAR

KURATA ICHINA IS A SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. SOON AFTER SHE BEGAN DATING HER CLOSE FRIEND, SEKIYA, THEY BROKE UP. YOUKO SUDDENLY BRINGS HOME ICHINA'S FELLOW CLASSMATE, NUKUI, TO LIVE WITH THEM BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH HIS STEP-MOTHER AND STEPSISTER, AND NUKUI BECOMES A FREELOADER IN ICHINA'S HOME. ICHINA SOON FINDS THAT SHE HAS BEGUN TO DEVELOP FEELINGS TOWARDS NUKUI!

YOUKO REVEALS TO ICHINA THE KURATA FAMILY HISTORY. YOUKO HAD AT ONE TIME DATED NUKUI'S OLDER BROTHER, KOUICHI, BUT WHEN YOUKO BECAME PREGNANT, KOUICHI'S FATHER FORCED THEM TO BREAK UP AND YOUKO DISAPPEARED WITH ICHINA. SOON AFTER KOUICHI LEFT THE NUKUI HOUSEHOLD TO SEARCH FOR YOUKO, BUT HE DIED BEFORE THEY COULD BE REUNITED.

AFTER LEARNING THE TRUTH ABOUT HER HERITAGE, ICHINA RETURNS HOME TO FIND THAT NUKUI HAS DISAPPEARED. FEELING UNABLE TO LEAVE HIM ALONE, ICHINA SETS OUT TO PICK HIM UP FROM TSUU-CHAN'S HOUSE.

SEKIYA FINALLY CONFESSES HIS FEELINGS FOR ICHINA.

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4 START

"PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME AGAIN!"

A younger Toyo-san
Erm, I neglected to put anything special in this space, so I think I'll write about everyone's future dreams (aspirations).

I NEVER THOUGHT
BUT SURELY...
EH...?
I WAS REALLY DREADING IT.
I THOUGHT SEKIYA WAS GOING TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN.
SEKIYA WOULD LIKE ME AGAIN
ARE YOU SURE?
blink
GASP
EH?
EH?!
startle
WELL,
I GUESS SO
...OKAY?
EH?
ERMM.
WELL, I DO BUT...
EHH?!

SE-
SEKI...
Eek! You're choking me...
AHHH!

CRash
WAH!
OW!
umph

I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU FOR GOOD!
I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU!

AHHH!
BUT I FIGURED I SHOULD TELL YOU ANYWAY
FOR YOU TO SHOOT ME DOWN
I WAS SERIOUSLY READY
HUH?

I'M SO HAPPY
kreek
kreek
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JUST NOTHING!!
SORRY I JUST
And this is our next-door friend
THIS IS A PARK!!
PARK!!
SEKIYA!
...!
Waah!
gasp
EH?!
AH!
COME TO MY HOUSE?
THEN,
COULD YOU
I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU FOR A WHILE...!
THERE'S A RESTAURANT IN THE AREA!
gasp
AH! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
stare
.....
.....
"MEAT"
And we could
I HAVE TO MAKE DINNER TODAY
...YOU'RE A DAMN MAID!
I NEED TO GO HOME.
SORRY
AHH...
"CAN WE FRY IT?"
BUT
TODAY...?

I'M GLAD WE GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
WELL...
ANYWAY,
I WANTED TO BE WITH SEKIYA
YEAH
AH...
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT
FROM THAT TIME ON
I LIKED SEKIYA
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED BEFORE SUMMER BREAK
AHA-HA OKAY
I'LL WALK YOU HOME

...YEAH.
I'M HOME
AH.
WELCOME HOME
...I CAN'T CHANGE THAT.
AH.
THANKS FOR DOING THE SHOPPING
I JUST GOT HOME MYSELF...
THAT WAS FAST.
CLATTER
EH? WHAT?
NOTHING!
I'm glad I came home.
BUT YOU DIDN'T PUT ANY OF IT IN THE FRIDGE
WHAT DID SEKIYA-KUN WANT?
SO,
Wah. Expensive pork.

.....
HMPH
ASKED ME OUT
AGAIN
AHH
HE
I'M GLAD
.....
ERMM
OKAY THEN
WANT IT FRIED?
YEAH, FRIED
WHERE'S THE MEAT?
I'M STARVING
HUH?
Pant.

Greetings.

Hello, I'm Ishida Takumi
Thank you very much for putting your gratitude, love, and youth into reading this. Anyway, it's volume four now... It came fast, huh? Time just flies by. This story still has one or two surprises left.
Thank you for continuing to follow this story. Really.

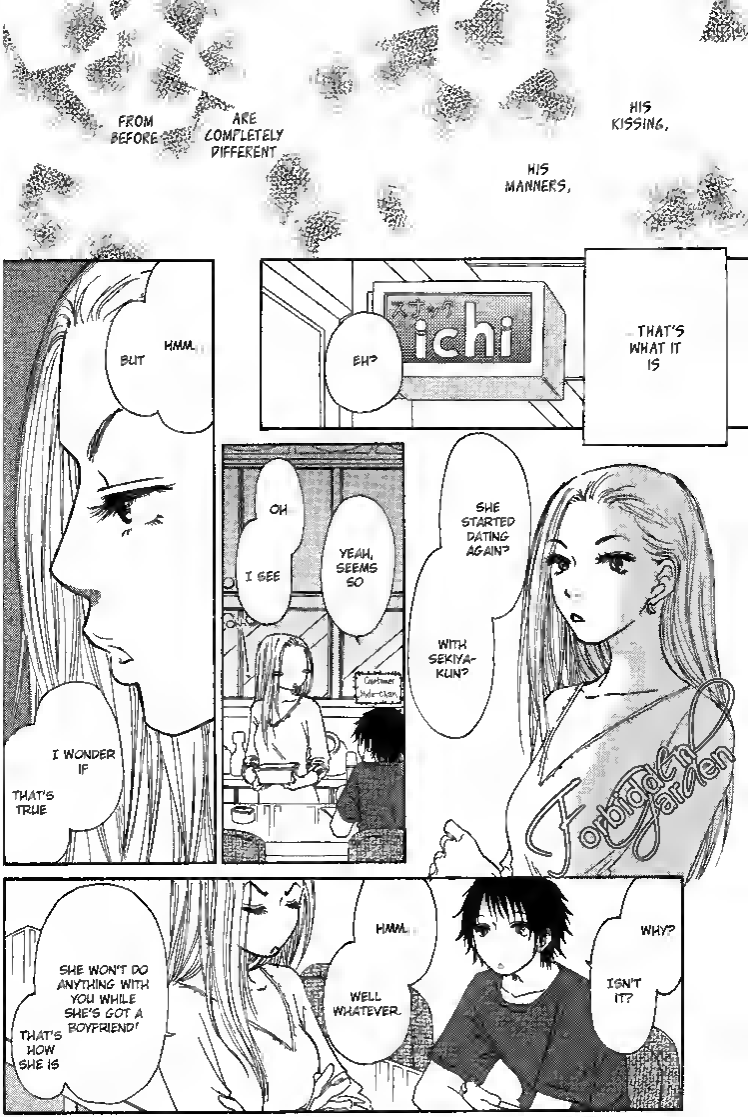
Yuki (16)
Last name unknown

I'M NOT SURE...
HMM...
I DON'T CARE...
DO YOU THINK SEKIYA-KUN HATES ME?
.....
ANYTHING ELSE?
I GOT A CALL FROM SEKIYA
THAT NIGHT
I'm hungry
IS DINNER READY YET?
I'M FIXING IT NOW!
I can't do it that fast!
BUT
THIS TIME SEKIYA'S VOICE WAS UNUSUALLY EXCITED.
IT FELT
I USED TO GET CALLS FROM HIM ALL THE TIME
WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT MUCH...

END OF REPORT
WELL, THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED
hahaha
HUH?
Forbidden
Men
...EH?
ohhh
AH.
YEAH.
I GUESS.
AH! WAS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH...
ERM, YESTER-DAY...
I THINK.
EHHH?!!
SINCE WHEN?!
Cor now!

THEY'RE JUST STARING EACH OTHER DOWN!!!
Wantoes!
pat
pat
pat
shake
shake
...ICHINA,
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING
YOUR MOM WAS KIND OF
LIKE THAT TOO
AH
SO-
SORRY
NAH! I DON'T CARE!
IT'S A GOOD THING!
LET'S HAVE A DRINKING PARTY!
AH, ICHINA
LET'S GO HOME
DING DONG
DING DONG
WHAT ABOUT YOUR CLUB?
IT'S FINE FOR TODAY!
YOU SURE?
DING DONG
DING DONG

FOR SO LONG
I'VE WANTED TO TOUCH YOU LIKE THIS
SO
IT'S TURNING INTO THIS?
You sure use your room to your advantage.
It's meant to be used for that
YEAH
IT HAS
AMAZING
AH
EH?
IT'S FINE
OKAY? IF NOT I'LL STOP
I DON'T HATE IT
BUT...


FROM BEFORE
ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
HIS KISSING,
HIS MANNERS,
THAT'S WHAT IT IS
EH?
スナック
ichi
HMM.
BUT
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE
OH
I SEE
YEAH, SEEMS SO
SHE STARTED DATING AGAIN?
WITH SEKIYA-KUN?
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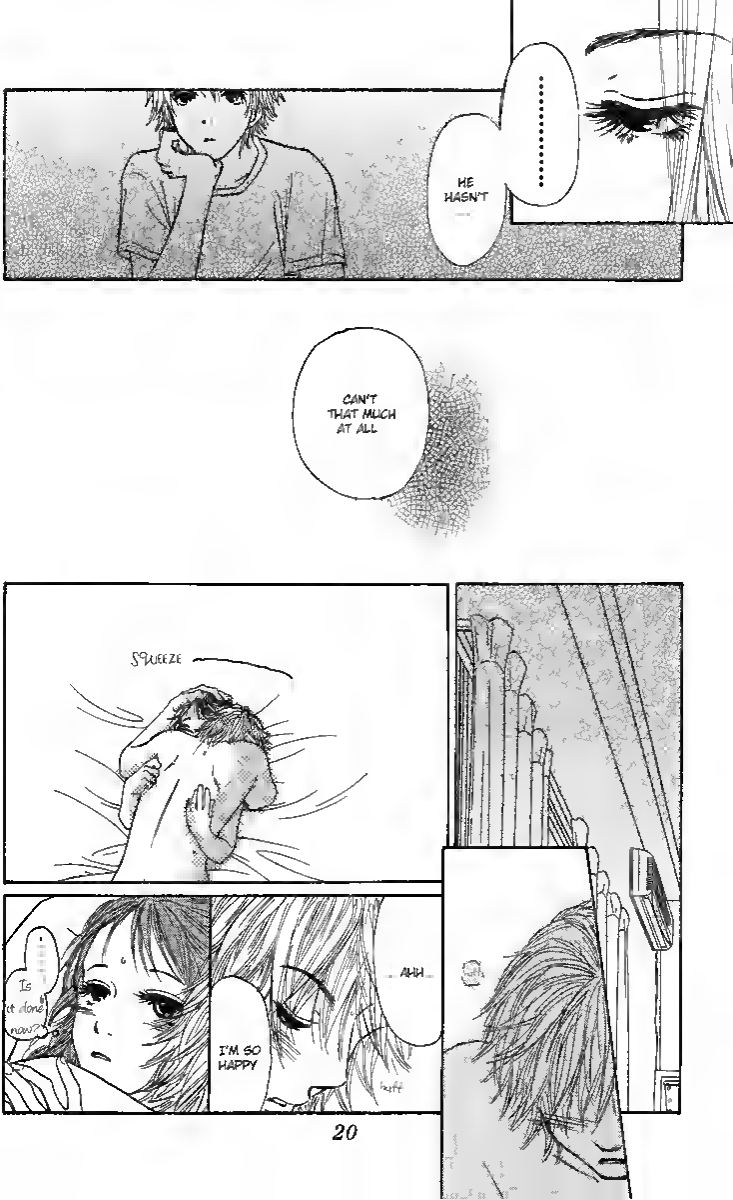
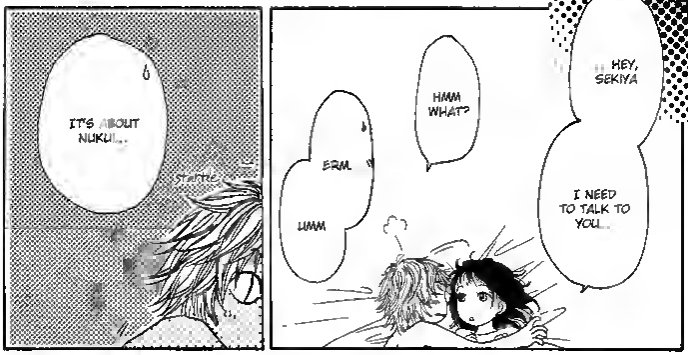
HMM.
WELL WHATEVER.
WHY?
ISN'T IT?
SHE WON'T DO ANYTHING WITH YOU WHILE SHE'S GOT A BOYFRIEND!
THAT'S HOW SHE IS

Ah, I'm uneasy
AHAHAHA! ☆
.....WELL, I REALLY SCOLDED HER EARLIER ABOUT THIS.
HM? WHAT?
.....
HEY, YOUKO-SAN.
TELL ME ABOUT KOUICHI-SAN.
I've done nothing but talk about him.
AGAIN? YOU MUST REALLY LIKE IT. SINCE YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT HIM AGAIN, HIDE-CHAN
THAT SO? HMM. OK THEN
TELL ME ABOUT THE CURRENT KOUICHI-SAN.


HE HASN'T
.....
CAN'T THAT MUCH AT ALL
SQUEEZE
Is it done now?
I'M SO HAPPY
AHH


IT'S ABOUT NUKUI...
STATTRE
... HEY, SEKIYA
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU...
HMM WHAT?
ERM
UMM

Hmmm
.....

...OUT WITH IT!
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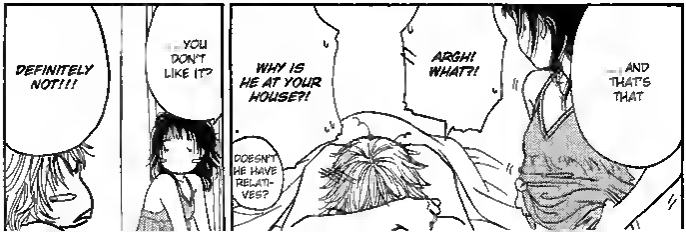
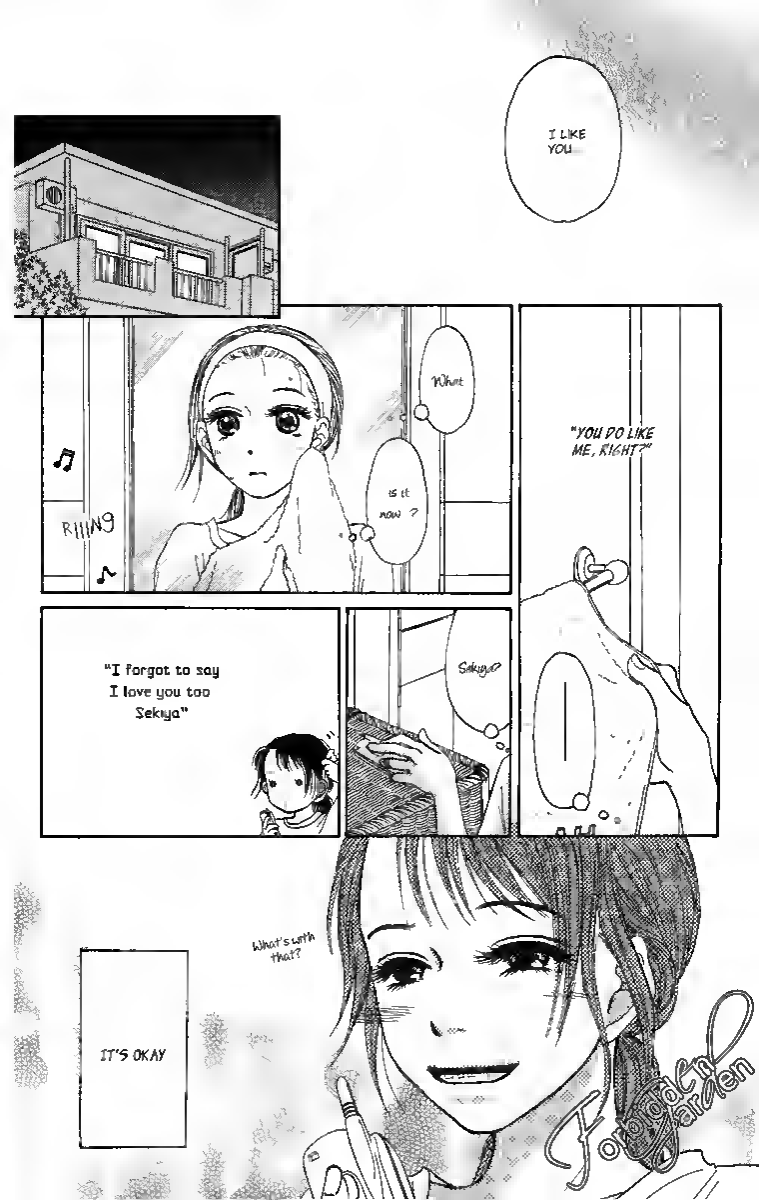

DEFINITELY NOT!!!
...YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
WHY IS HE AT YOUR HOUSE?!
DOESN'T HE HAVE RELATIVES?
ARGH! WHAT?!
...AND THAT'S THAT

IF IT WERE ME, I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER
MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT
I DON'T WANT YOU ALONE TOGETHER.
DAMN IT! LOCK YOUR ROOM!
BUT,
NUKUI IS MY UNCLE!
SO!
YEAH
I WON'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
YOU UNDERSTAND IT RIGHT?!
BUT LOOK!
EH? BUT WON'T YOU BE HAVING DINNER SOON?
WHY ARE YOU GETTING DRESSED SO FAST?
SO
I CAN EAT OVER
Uwah Sorry
tug tug
IT'S FINE! EAT OVER!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
REALLY ISN'T POSSIBLE!

SEKIYA!?
ICHINA...
YOU...
hug
DO...
LIKE ME, RIGHT?
EH?
YEAH...


I LIKE YOU...
RIING
What
is it now ?
"YOU DO LIKE ME, RIGHT?"
"I forgot to say
I love you too
Sekiya"
Sekiya?
What's with that?
IT'S OKAY
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I'VE WANTED THIS FOR A LONG TIME
I'M HAPPY.
I'M REALLY HAPPY
AH
ICHINA-CHAN

I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU
ARE YOU GOING HOME NOW?
NUKUI,
WHAT IS IT?
AH, TODAY
YOUKO-SAN SUDDENLY STOPPED IN.
YEAH, SHE WON'T BE HOME FOR DINNER
OH, OKAY...
IT'S OKAY.

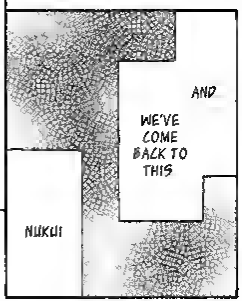
Study buddies
HUH?
THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING WELL WITH SEKIYA-KUN.

YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL.

SO
THANKS TO YOU.
...OH, YEAH. THEY ARE.

FOR SOME REASON
THINGS WITH NUKUI ARE REALLY AWKWARD.
kyuuu
YEP. CHECKING UP.
ARE YOU CHECKING UP ON ME FOR YOUKO-SAN?!

THAT REMINDS ME
YOUKO-SAN LEFT A MESSAGE
HASN'T TRIED ANYTHING EITHER.


AND
WE'VE COME BACK TO THIS
NUKUI

DAMN OLD HAG!!!
PREVIOUS OFFENSE, HUH? For you
So how far are you in your classes?
"USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT DISEASES AND THOSE ACTS ARE BANNED FROM THE HOUSE."
MESSAGE?
SHE SAID.
THAT'S IT.
DIE!
I WISH THAT WOMAN WOULD JUST DIE!!
ARGHH!
HUH?!
SHE WAS A BIT WORRIED EARLIER.
SHE'D KILL YOU.
IT'S PROBABLY BETTER IF YOU DON'T TELL HER ABOUT US

HUH?!
I'm talking to you and you're just spacing out.
HMM...
SO
WHAT I'M SAYING IS,
IF IT REALLY CAME TO THAT,
WOULD YOU REALLY FEEL SO BAD ABOUT IT?
"WAS IT REALLY LIKE THAT?"
.....
Don't listen at all!!
Don't listen!!
It's a trap!!
Sneaky devil!
?
WHAT'S WRONG?
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake

Too many traps
It's like Nukui is reading my mind!
YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT
OKAY
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I'LL BE SURE NOT TO MENTION IT
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I KNEW IT...
HIS FEELINGS HAVE CHANGED AGAIN
It's like I'm peeling the skin off of an onion
Until there is nothing left.
OH, YOUKO-SAN IS HOME
EH?!
ALREADY?!
BY DOING THIS
MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON WHY IT'S A BIT AWKWARD NOW

WE WERE ABLE TO TALK TO EACH OTHER NORMALLY
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU TIRED ALREADY?
You haven't done much
YEAH, I GUESS
I CAN'T BE UP LATE AGAIN THOUGH
I'M THINKING ABOUT IT LIKE IT REALLY WAS NOTHING
But
in reality, we kissed.
and almost had sex
HM?
I wonder if a part of me never really hated being with him
As far as Yuka goes
WELL, IT WON'T COME TO THAT AGAIN.

I'M TIRED!
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HERE TODAY
YOU'RE RIGHT
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
GRAB A BITE TO EAT?
I DON'T EVEN CARE
AHH...
AH
HOW ABOUT
YOU COME TO MY HOUSE?
hesitant
EH?
BUT...
IT'S FINE
Yeah, that's it
You just want to go home
NUKUI AND YOUKO-SAN WON'T BE HOME TILL LATER TONIGHT.
I'LL MAKE US DINNER
That so? I'm sorry for that other time then. Goody two shoes!
DAMN IT
AH! BUT SEX IS BANNED IN THE HOUSE!
sigh
Sorry!
HUH?

drip
drip
drip
ICHINA-CHAN.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
NUKUI,
DIDN'T YOU GO DRINKING WITH HANAYOSHI-SAN?
I WAS TIRED TODAY SO I CANCELED
I'LL HAVE SOME COFFEE TOO
SO...
IS SEKIYA-KUN HERE TOO?
slurp
EXCUSE ME
HE'S IN MY ROOM NOW
HEEEH
SO DON'T COME IN MY ROOM, OKAY!
BE QUIET AND READ A BOOK!
YOU GOT YOUR COFFEE!
EH? WHAT ABOUT HIM?
JUST DO IT!
slam
CLICK
CLICK
slurp

SORRY...
AH, DID YOU HEAR US?
IT'S FINE
...IS HIS ROOM NEXT DOOR?
YEAH. IT'S A STORAGE ROOM.
WAS NUKUI HERE?
WHAT?
HMFH...
HM?
Here's your coffee
I... ACTUAL-LY
THOUGHT YOU LIKED NUKUI
EH?
klank

EEK
WAH!
OH NO!
I SPILLED IT...
DANGER-OUS!
?
.....

I TOLD YOU WE CAN'T.
YEAH
IT'S FINE
BUT LISTEN
NUKUI IS NEXT...
HM?
UMM...
SEKIYA...
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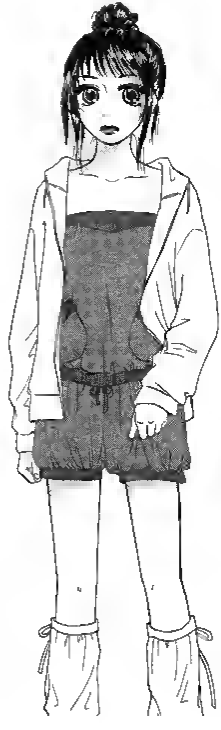
I DON'T...
CARE.
I DO!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF...
HEY!
HUH?
AH..

...Uuuuh
Sakuya...
I'm serious.
...
CLACK

EH?
WAIT SEKI
SERIOUS LY
.....
HMM
.....
WHY
DO YOU DENY IT?
TELL ME
ICHINA
Hm
HEY!

WHEN I LOOK AT HIM

SEKIYA LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON



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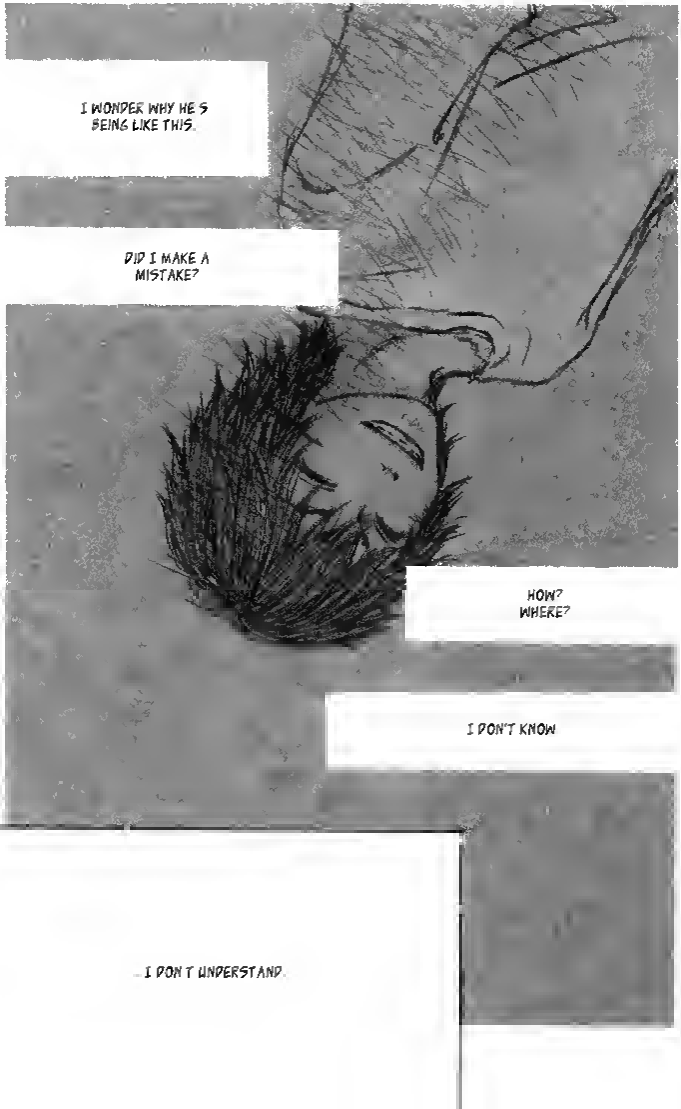
I WONDER WHY HE S
BEING LIKE THIS.
DID I MAKE A
MISTAKE?
HOW?
WHERE?
I DON'T KNOW
I DON T UNDERSTAND.

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tap
tap
tap
tap
collapse
ARGH!!!
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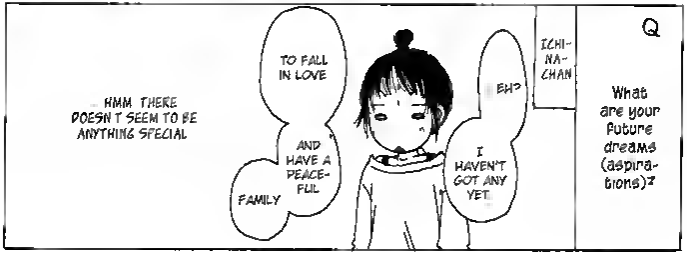
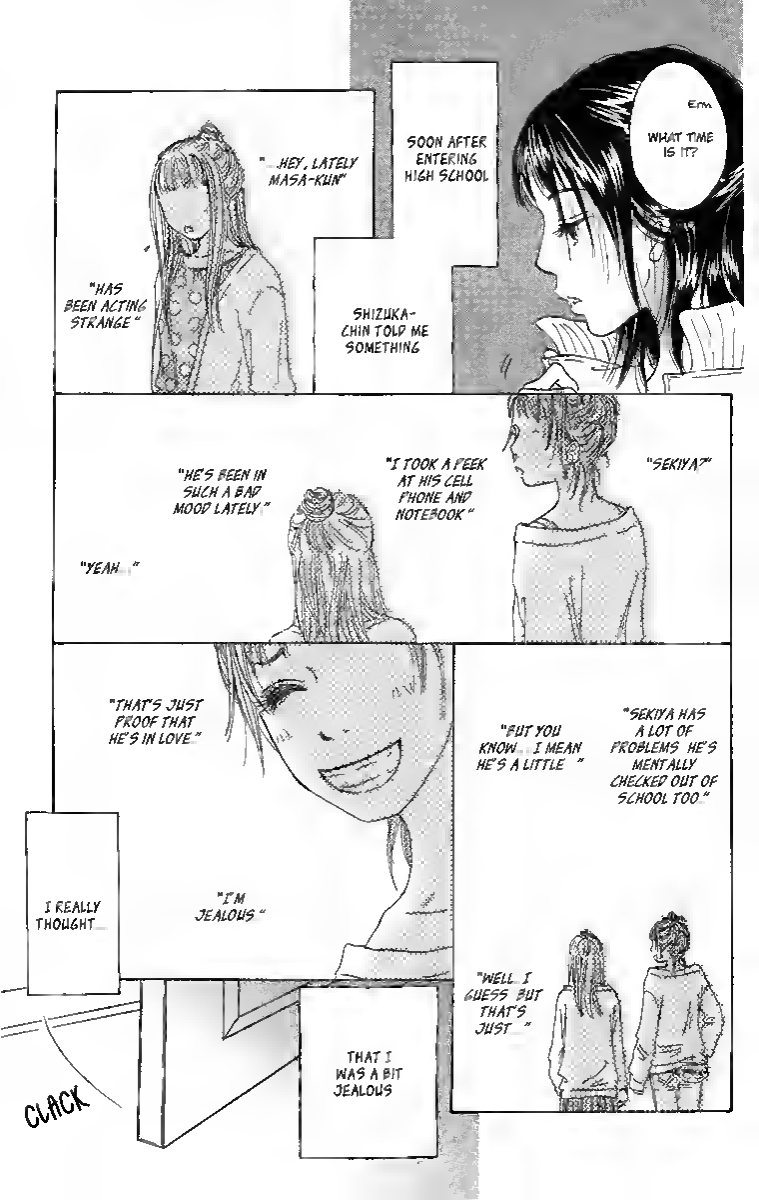
.....
I'VE DONE IT NOW.


Q
What are your future dreams (aspirations)?
ICHI-NA-CHAN
EH?
I HAVEN'T GOT ANY YET.
TO FALL IN LOVE
AND HAVE A PEACE-FUL FAMILY
... HMM THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING SPECIAL

I...
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY, ICHINA.
sit up
THEN DINNER...
Umph
...AHH
I NEED A BATH


Em.
WHAT TIME IS IT?
SOON AFTER ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL
"...HEY, LATELY MASA-KUN"
"HAS BEEN ACTING STRANGE"
SHIZUKA-CHIN TOLD ME SOMETHING
"SEKIYA?"
"I TOOK A PEEK AT HIS CELL PHONE AND NOTEBOOK"
"HE'S BEEN IN SUCH A BAD MOOD LATELY"
"YEAH..."
"SEKIYA HAS A LOT OF PROBLEMS HE'S MENTALLY CHECKED OUT OF SCHOOL TOO..."
"BUT YOU KNOW... I MEAN HE'S A LITTLE..."
"THAT'S JUST PROOF THAT HE'S IN LOVE."
"I'M JEALOUS"
I REALLY THOUGHT...
"WELL I GUESS BUT THAT'S JUST..."
THAT I WAS A BIT JEALOUS
CLACK

BACK THEN
NUKUI.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN...
SINCE SEKIYA WENT HOME.
OH, I'M REALLY SORRY
I'LL MAKE DINNER...
SHUT
NOW.
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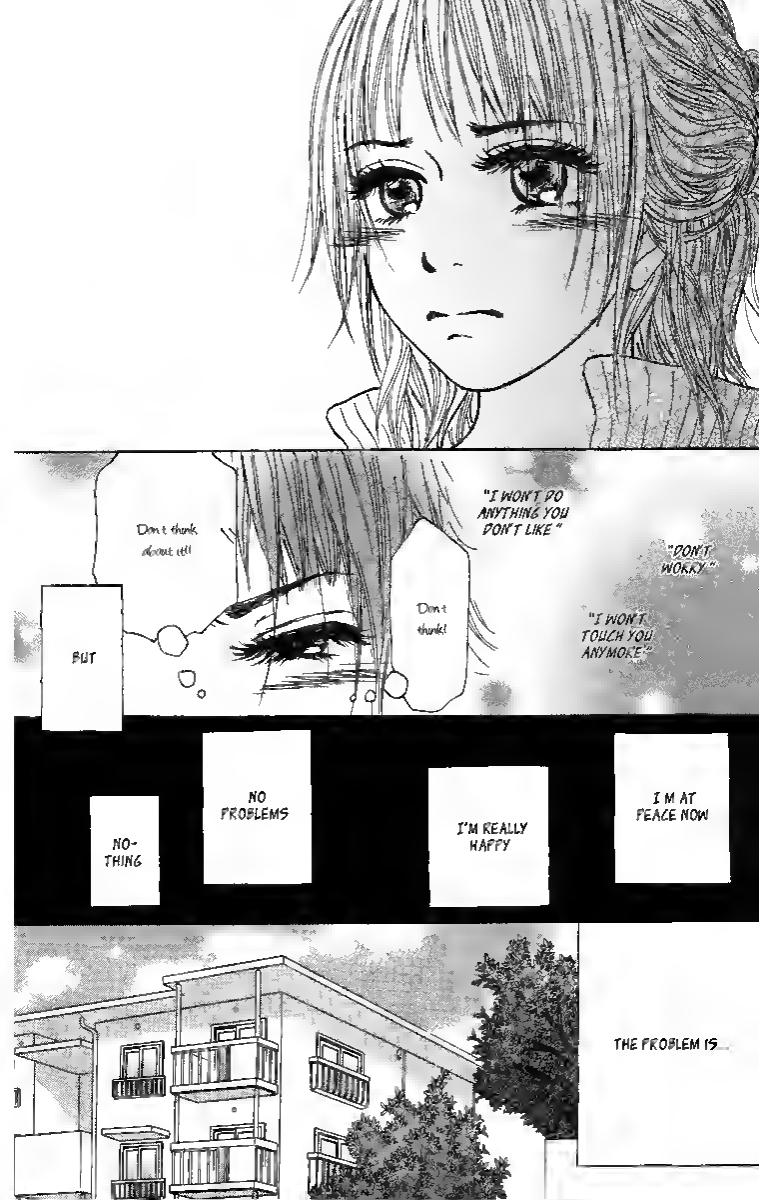
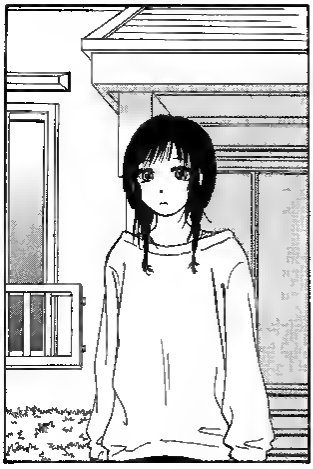
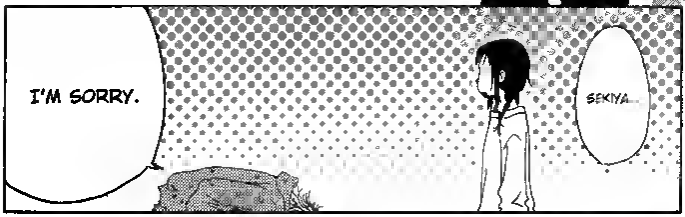
EH?
OH
squeeze
squeeze
squeeze
squeeze
THAT HURTS!
OWW!
OW...
release
SORRY...
I WON'T DO ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE
Huh?
I WON'T TOUCH YOU ANYMORE
YEAH
SORRY
I'M FINE
BUT...
We already talked about this...
WHAT-EVER.
UMM

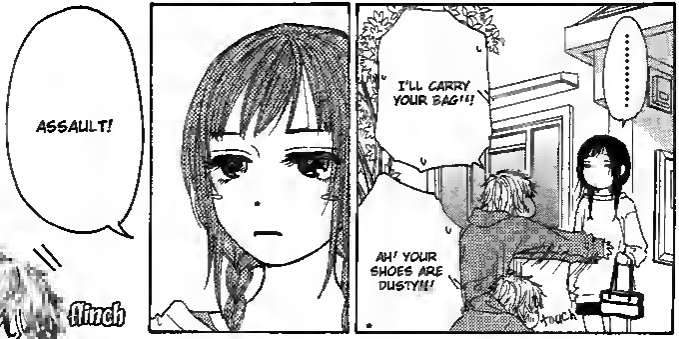
I REALLY HATE IT WHEN OTHER PEOPLE
TOUCH YOU
AH
I
THINK THAT IS UNREASONABLE
YEP! YOU'RE RIGHT

NORMAL, EVERYDAY TOUCHING
I DON'T MIND
I NOTICED!
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T TELL YOUKO-SAN.
.....
EH?
I DON'T NEED DINNER
LATER
CLICK


"I WON'T DO ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE"
"DON'T WORRY."
"I WON'T TOUCH YOU ANYMORE."
Don't think about it!!
Don't think!
BUT
NO-THING
NO PROBLEMS
I'M REALLY HAPPY
I M AT PEACE NOW
THE PROBLEM IS...




I'M SORRY.
SEKIYA...


ASSAULT!
I'LL CARRY YOUR BAG!!!
AH! YOUR SHOES ARE DUSTY!!!
TOUCH

flinch

I...
WAS JUST SO ANGRY WITH
HOW YOU REACTED TO NUKUI'S NAME
FORGIVE ME!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE MARRIED
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
I MEAN,
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!!
sigh
BOW
BOW
BOW
NO
BUT!
THAT WAS...
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
I SWEAR I WON'T!!
I'M SORRY!
I'M SERIOUSLY SORRY!
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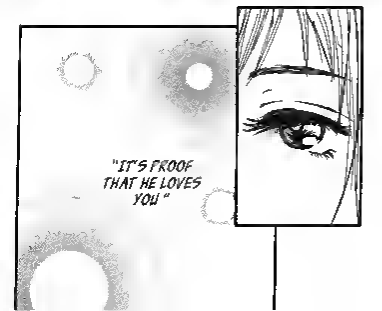
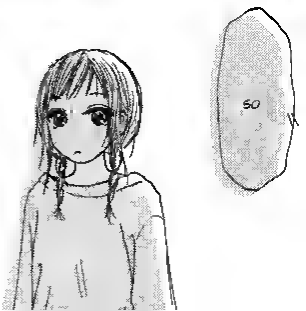

"IT'S PROOF THAT HE LOVES YOU"


SO

I'LL BURN YOU ALIVE
GOT IT?
IT WAS MY SELF-CONFIDENCE
IT WASN'T SOMEONE ELSE,
IF YOU DO IT AGAIN...
WHO SAID THAT
DON'T LOOK
DON'T TOUCH
CAN'T LOOK
AND CARRY MY BAG FOR A MONTH
BE CAREFUL
AND YOU'LL BE MY PASTRY SLAVE FOR A WEEK
OK!
YOU GOT IT!
OK!
OK!
GOT IT!

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
Ah, a daily supply of pastries.
HI, YUKI
MORNING.
Morning.
YOU TWO ARE EARLY
WHAT? HAVING AN EARLY MORNING DATE?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT (smile)
SEE YOU IN CLASS!
Later
MORNING!
WHACK
SHE'S IN A GOOD MOOD
Briskly
SHE USED MORE FORCE THAN USUAL...
IS SHE A MAN?
My shoulder hurts.
...YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD MAN, SEKIYA
ANYTHING

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Expressions I
The other day I went for a drink with a friend that I hadn't seen for a while
BEEN A WHILE OH, I READ ZIG ZAG DON!
LONG TIME NO SEE
Cheers
WHAT DID YOU THINK?
WELL....
I'm grateful but it's easier reading...
USE SUCH DIRTY EXPRESSIONS?
DO YOUNG PEOPLE NOWADAYS
Eh?
OH, THEY AREN'T DIRTY?
The main character
DIRTY?
HUH?
I DUNNO...
We just drank like normal after that
To be continued
WHAT FOR, ICHINA?
A PASTRY SLAVE?
Oh, treats!
NO PROBLEMS
HUH?
Ichinaga Garden
THAT'S NICE OF SEKIYA!
HE'S SURE GIVING IT HIS ALL
I ate his lunch!
AH
SEKIYA'S TRIBUTE
Sounds nice
WELL, IT'S HIS PUNISHMENT
She's in edge...
WELL, NOTHING THAT BAD
PUNISHMENT? WHAT'S THAT?!
WHAT DID SEKIYA DO?!
EH? LIKE WHAT?
Out with it
Ahaha

BUT YOU KNOW...
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN YOU TOLD ME
I'M GLAD YOU TWO WERE ABLE TO BECOME FRIENDS
AH, LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT
Other's will hear
EH?
NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU CAME TOGETHER NICELY.
I'M SURPRISED YOU TWO MADE IT ALL.
wipe
wipe
ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE THAT
BECOMING LOVERS WITH A FRIEND
IS THAT SO?
BUT IS THAT A GOOD THING?
THERE'S NO NEED TO SHOW OFF RIGHT NOW
EH?!
YOU BOTH KNOW EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS
RIGHT, TOMOYO?
AH! SURE!
startle
SHOULD I TRY TELLING THEM
ABOUT YESTERDAY?
AH...
BUT,

I FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFOR-TABLE
HOWEVER IF I TELL YUKITO AND TOMOYO ABOUT THAT,
THEY'LL BE LIKE HOW I WAS WITH SHIZUKA-CHIN
AND JUST LAUGH IT OFF
HAS BEEN REALLY DIFFERENT
HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH
SEKIYA'S ATTITUDE
UNCOMFOR-TABLE?
THEN SURELY
AND...
YESTER-DAY...
THEN DUMP HIM.
I'M CONFUSED BY IT
SOME-TIMES HE...
BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT
YOU MEAN THAT
AHH
WORRIES ME.

Huh?
YOU'RE BETTER OFF DUMPING HIM IF HE WORRIES YOU
IT'S NATURAL FOR ATTITUDES TO CHANGE!
SEKIYA LOVES YOU!!!
YOU'RE HIS GIRLFRIEND!
NO.
EH?
MAYBE IT'S A WARNING SIGN
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT, ICHINA?
I MEAN,
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I'VE WANTED TO DATE HIM...
YOU SAY HE WORRIES YOU
FROM THE BEGINNING...

DASH
I'LL BE BACK LATER!
AH
YUKI...!
grab
gasp
EXCU-
SORRY!
GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM!
shake
tat tat tat
TOMOYO...
YOU NEVER SAW...
DID YOU, IGHINA?
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE...
RIGHT?

YOU KNEW?
nod
AH
HOW LONG...
I THINK... PERHAPS
A YEAR NOW.
.....
AH! BUT! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YUKI SAID IT WAS NOTHING...!
BUT!
SO...
"IT'S WORKING OUT FOR YOU"
"I'M HAPPY FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIP"
PERHAPS...
YUKI WAS HAPPY FOR SEKIYA AND I WHEN WE STARTED DATING
BUT SURELY,

Forbidden Garden
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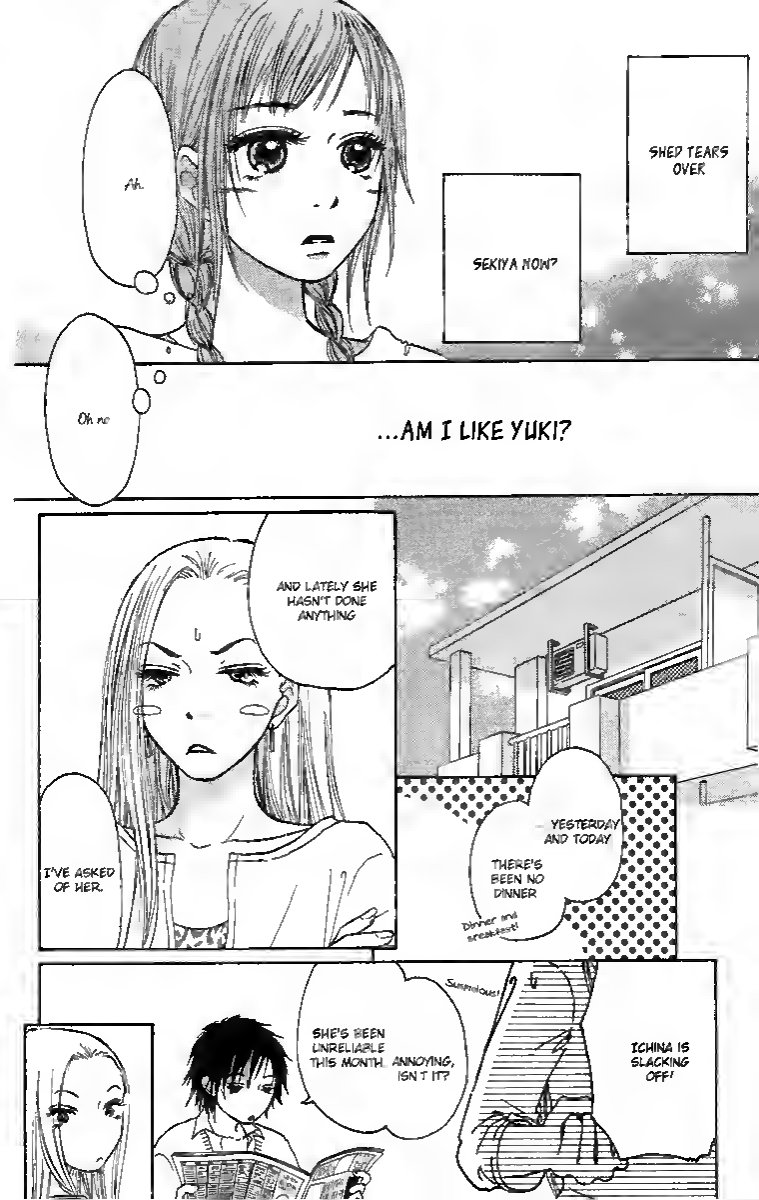
One two
Oh!
One two
WHAT? YOU'RE ALONE?
GOING HOME?
AH.
SEKIYA
HEY!
ICHINA!
One two
OH, I SEE
AH. I'M BEING CALLED
Eh? What? Sekiya's girlfriend?
No shopping today Sekiya
One two
AH, YEAH
I'M GOING SHOPPING TODAY.
Grocery shopping
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
BE CAREFUL THEN.
SHOULD I...


Ah.
Oh no
SHED TEARS OVER
SEKIYA NOW?
...AM I LIKE YUKI?
AND LATELY SHE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING
I'VE ASKED OF HER.
YESTERDAY AND TODAY
THERE'S BEEN NO DINNER
Dinner and breakfast!
SHE'S BEEN UNRELIABLE THIS MONTH. ANNOYING, ISN'T IT?
Sunshine!
ICHINA IS SLACKING OFF!

SEKIYA-KUN?
SEKIYA-KUN
WELL,
She was very different before summer break.
THAT WAS DOOMED FROM THE BEGINNING
WHAT'S THAT?
No need to tease her
NOTHING
rustle
BUT ICHINA-CHAN AND SEKIYA-KUN
AREN'T GOOD TOGET-HER.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE LIKE YOU AND KOUICHI-SAN WERE
HMP
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT EARLIER
HIDE-CHAN
YOU'RE ROMANTICIZING IT

I'M NOT THE "GOOD WOMAN" THAT YOU THINK I AM
KOUICHI AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE BEAUTIFUL LOVE STORY YOU THINK WE DID
FORGET THAT
HUH?
YOUKO-SAN
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET?
SHUT
OH!
EH...?
ICHINA IS BACK!
IT'S FINE I'LL CONTINUE WITH THE TOFU TODAY
I'M SORRY! HANG ON! TODAY...
AH! I FORGOT TO GO SHOPPING!!
AH!
EH...?
FOOD...
gasp
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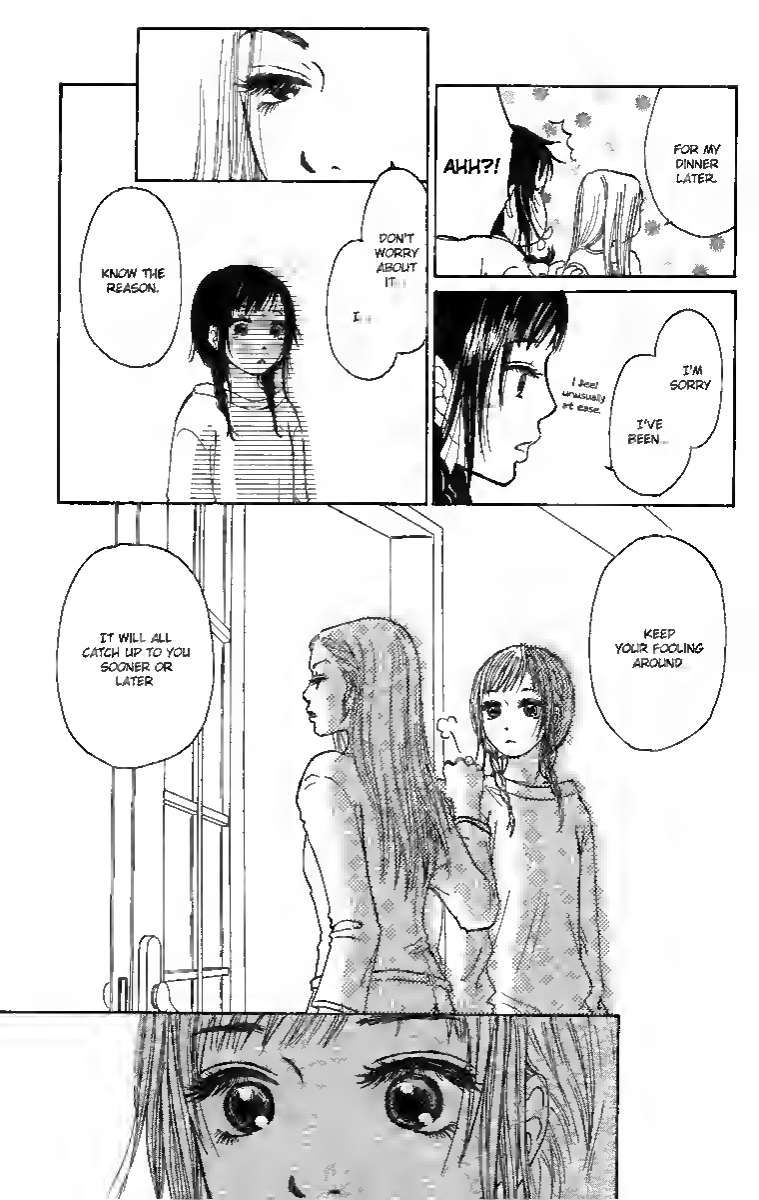
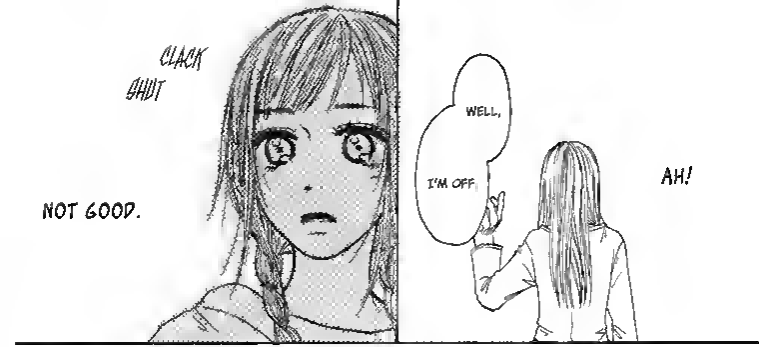
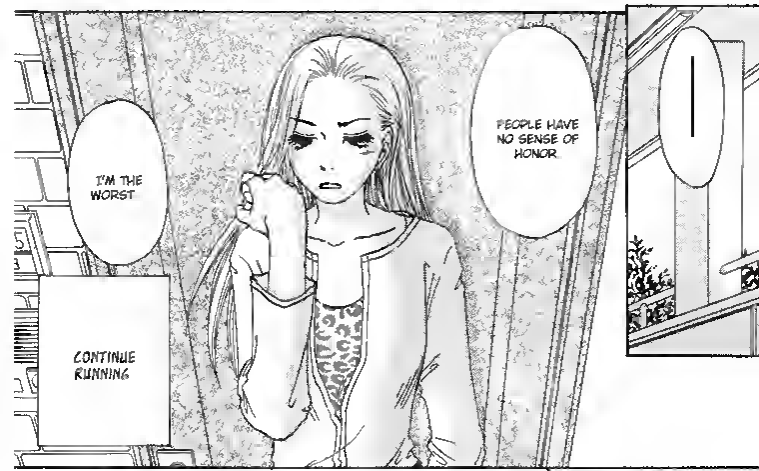

AHH?!
FOR MY DINNER LATER.
I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN...
I feel unusually at ease.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I...
KNOW THE REASON.
KEEP YOUR FOOLING AROUND
IT WILL ALL CATCH UP TO YOU SOONER OR LATER


CLACK
SHUT
NOT GOOD.
WELL,
I'M OFF.
AH!

"SHE NOTICED."


I'M THE WORST
PEOPLE HAVE NO SENSE OF HONOR
CONTINUE RUNNING

THEN LATER
ICHINA-CHAN?
CONTINUE FOOLING AROUND

WILL HE BE WAITING?

YEAH

SHE NOTICED

NO THAT'S WRONG

I REALLY NOTICED EARLIER THAN THAT.

NO. NO.

I CLEARLY KNEW THAT. YESTERDAY

IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO LOOK AT SEKIYA'S FACE

I REALLY LIKED HIM

IT'S NOT THAT IS STILL LIKE HIM. PUT THAT I'LL USED TO LIKE HIM

NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS PAIN

BUT,

I'M SORRY!

SORRY, ICHINA!

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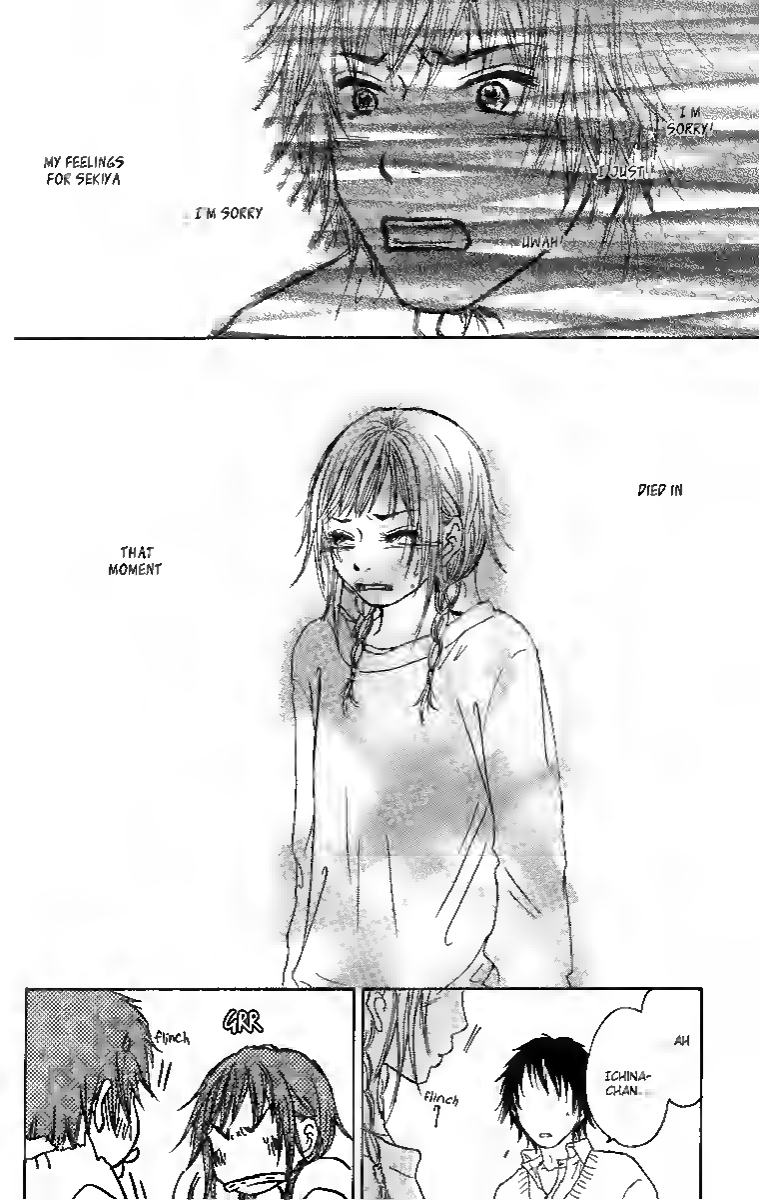
MY FEELINGS FOR SEKIYA
I'M SORRY
UWAH!
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!
THAT MOMENT
DIED IN
GRR
flinch
flinch
AH
ICHINA-CHAN...

I-
I'M SORRY...
IT'S YOUR FAULT, NUKUI!!!
ERM...
EH?
NO
IT'S YOUR FAULT...!
shake
shake
NO! NO! NO!
WAAHH!!!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
IT'S MY FAULT!!!
TERRIBLE! TERRIBLE! TERRIBLE!!!
I'M TERRIBLE
"IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT HIM..."
I'M SO TERRIBLE...!
"I'M HAPPY FOR YOU"
"FROM THE BEGINNING?..."

AHH...
ARGH...!
EH?!
PUNCH
I DESERVE DEATH!
WAIT...!
How nostal-gic.
ICHINA-CHAN
CAN I TOUCH YOU JUST THIS ONCE?
Ouch.
HUH?
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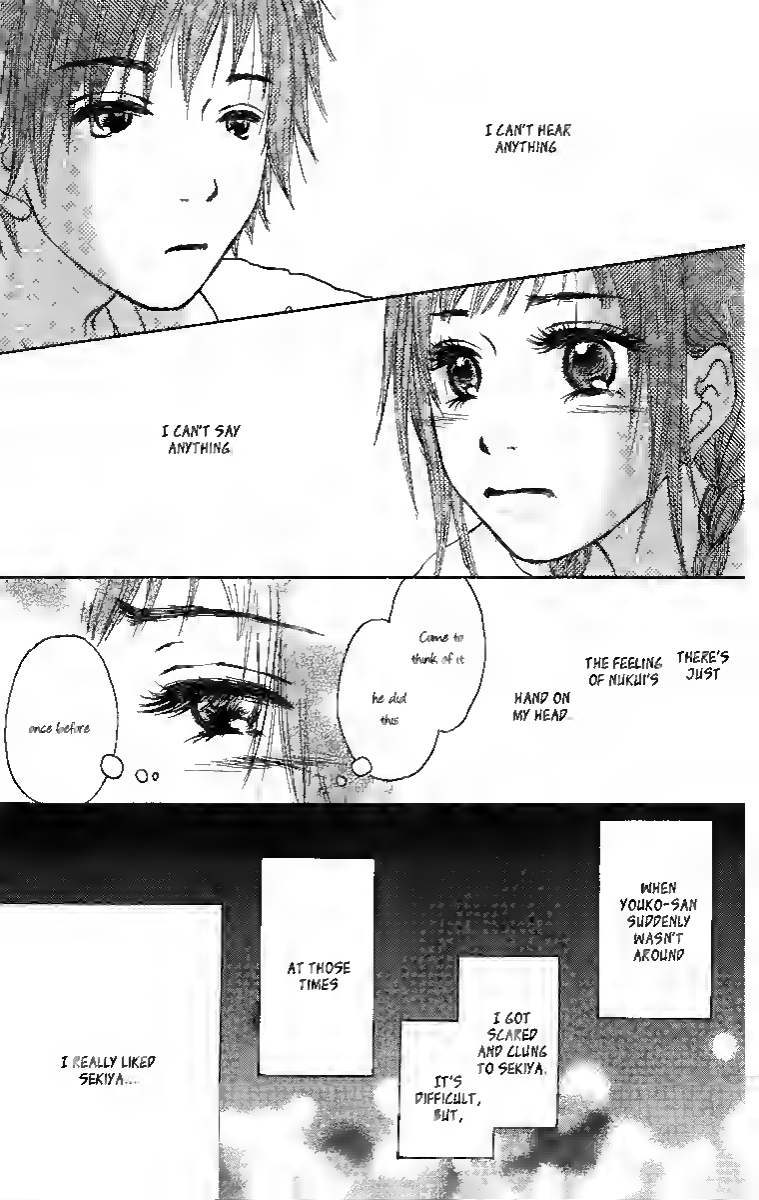
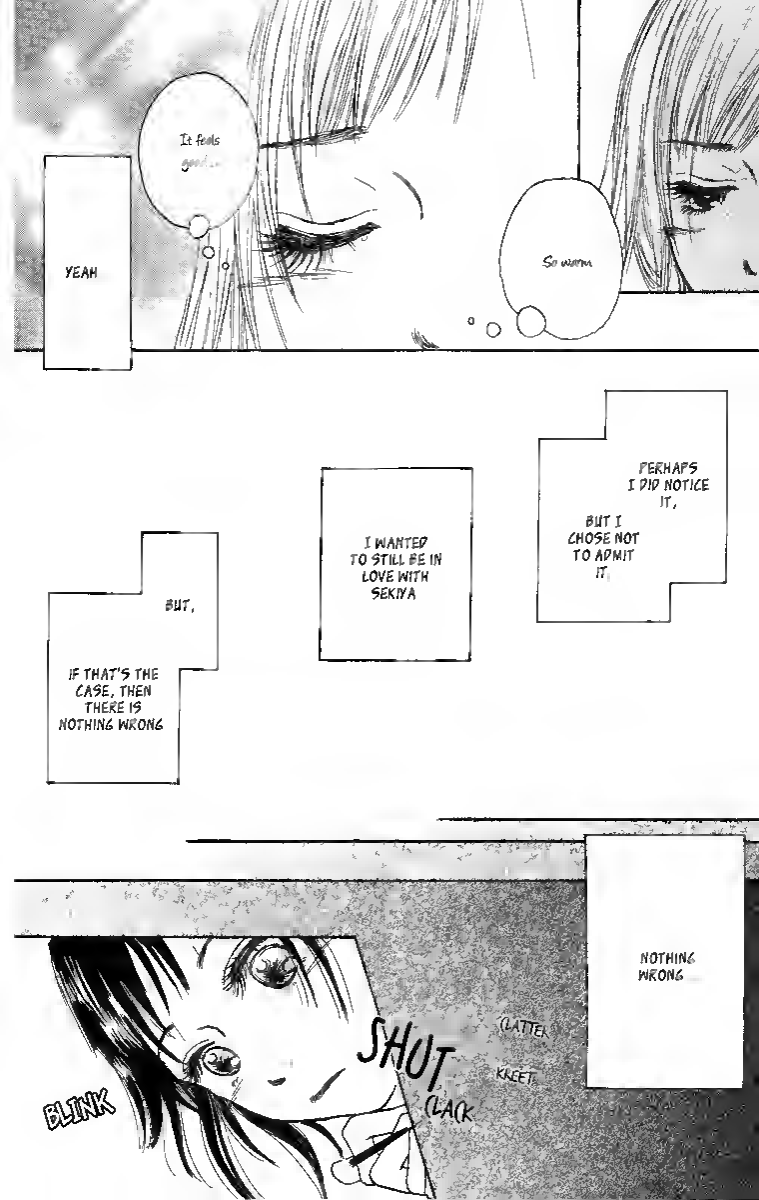
pat pat pat


I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING
THERE'S JUST
THE FEELING OF NUKUI'S HAND ON MY HEAD
Come to think of it
he did this
once before
WHEN YOUKO-SAN SUDDENLY WASN'T AROUND
I GOT SCARED AND CLUNG TO SEKIYA.
AT THOSE TIMES
IT'S DIFFICULT, BUT,
I REALLY LIKED SEKIYA...


It feels good...
So warm
YEAH
PERHAPS I DID NOTICE IT,
BUT I CHOSE NOT TO ADMIT IT
I WANTED TO STILL BE IN LOVE WITH SEKIYA
BUT,
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THERE IS NOTHING WRONG
NOTHING WRONG
(LATTE)
KKEET
SHUT
CLACK
BLINK

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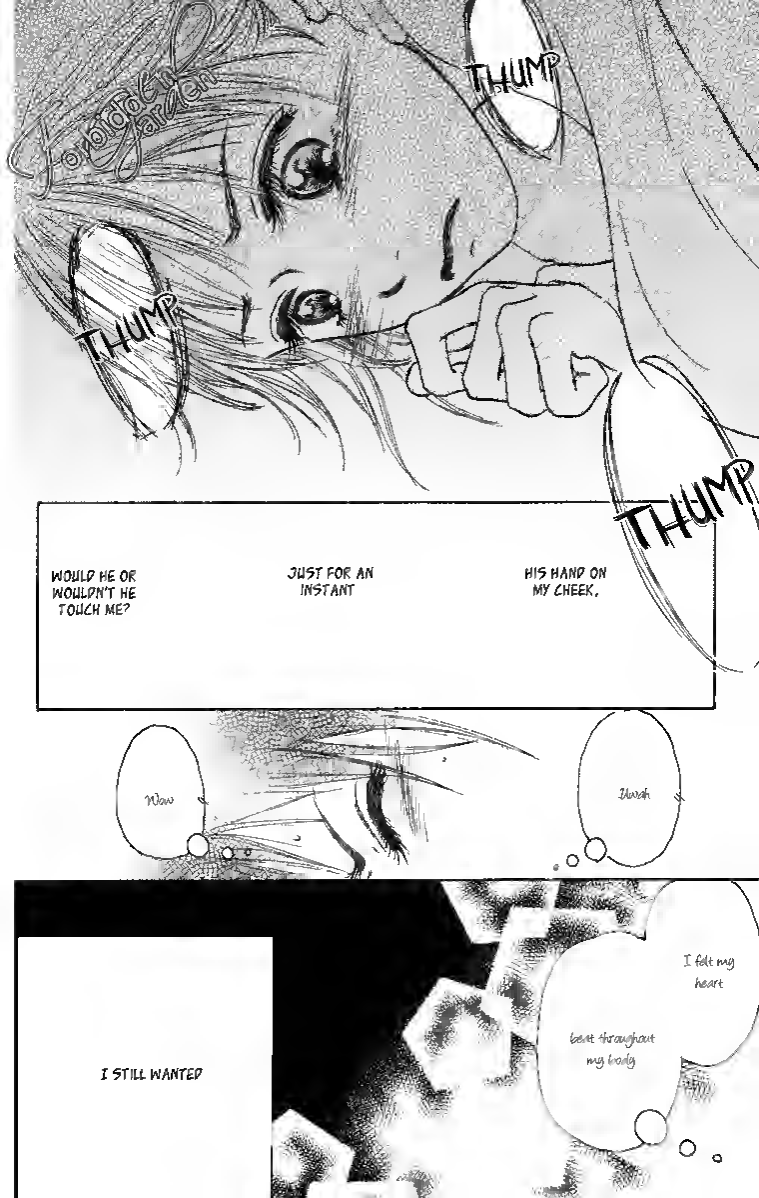
...AH.
UWAH.
SOMEHOW
pat
pat
pat
touch

THUMP
rise
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
SHIT
FUCK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THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WOULD HE OR WOULDN'T HE TOUCH ME?
JUST FOR AN INSTANT
HIS HAND ON MY CHEEK,
Wow
Ukuh
I still wanted
I felt my heart beat throughout my body

BUT IT'S USELESS.

I NEVER WANTED TO BE AWARE OF IT.

I NEVER WANTED TO NOTICE THIS

TO BELIEVE THAT I LIKED SEKIYA

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APPLY TODAY!

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SINCE BECOMING AWARE OF MY FEELINGS.

I HAVE NO IDEA

HOW TO ACT AROUND HIM

CLACK

Q
SEKI-YA-KUN
What are your dreams for the future?
. . .
PRESI-DENT?
Ahh, that's good But it's not exactly specific First you should decide to go to college

THAT REMINDS ME,
DID YOU RETURN TO YOUR ROOM YESTERDAY?
COOKED VEGGIES AND OTHER STUFF
YOUKO-SAN IS EATING AT THE SNACK BAR.
oomph
SMELLS GOOD. WHAT DID YOU MAKE?
EH?
THAT SO?
YOU PUT TOO MANY BLANKETS ON ME
YEAH. THANKS TO YOU I GOT TOO HOT AND WOKE UP.
Is this
okay?
OK
WHERE'S THE PAPER?
IT'S FINE
I WASHED MY FACE AND MADE SOME TOAST
I HAVEN'T GOT IT YET.
O-KAY
clack
shut
step
step
step

shut
IN FACT, NUKUI AND I ARE UNCLE AND NIECE
WE'RE CLOSELY RELATED
Was it always like this?
OTHER PEOPLE
WOULD SEE HIM AS FAMILY
BUT I KNOW
HMM
SUNNY SIDE UP
GOT IT
clatter
NUKUI, HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR EGGS?
YOUKO-SAN KNOWS ALL THAT TOO
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
munch
munch
munch
slp
RIIIING

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Expressions II

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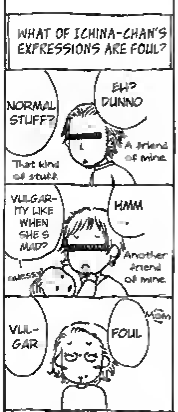

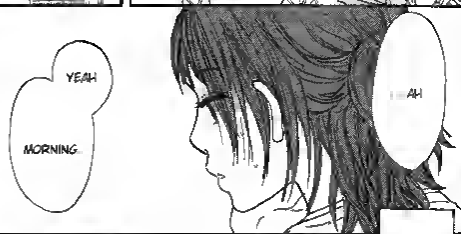

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THIS IS THIS
HEY.
MORNING.
HERE.
GIVE ME YOUR BAG.
EH?
AH
That's right
GOOD MORNING
READY TO GO?
It's cold today, huh?
I can't go on.
like this.
Oh yeah yesterday
It became
so clear

BUT...
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ICHINA?
HIDING FROM SOMEONE?
EH?!
AH! NO!
ERMM...
UMM
WANT TO GO FOR A WALK BEFORE CLASS STARTS?
WHAT FOR?
Not that I care!
OK!
TO YOUR SEATS.
SLIDE
DING DONG DANG DONG
ROLE CALL TIME...
SO-
SORRY, SEKIYA
Why am I here...?
pant pant pant
WE...
MADE IT.

KAJIWARA
HERE.
KIKUCHI
AKANA
HERE
clatter
phew
glance
EGUCHI
BUT...
Afternoon
It's DJK
Today's
lunch is
DING
DONG
DANG
AH?
YOU WANT TO EAT LUNCH ON THE ROOFTOP?
Today's pastry is cheese cream and prawn cocktail.
flinch
I
I GUESS!
EH?!
AH!
YUKI AND TOMOYO...?
I DON'T MIND—BUT WHAT ABOUT
OH.
I SEE
IT SEEMS THEY PROMISED TO EAT WITH A GIRL IN ANOTHER CLASS...
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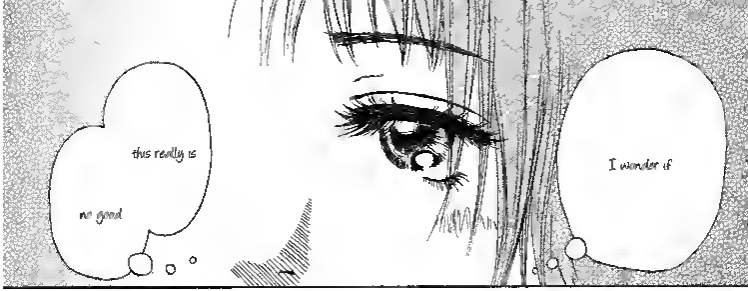
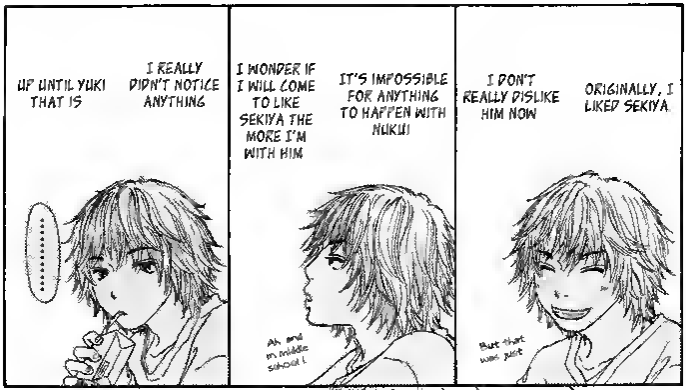
...BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
I KNOW THIS WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING
I'M DELIBERATELY AVOIDING YUKI
What am I doing?
.....
I'LL GO BUY US SOME DRINKS
AND I'M PUTTING SEKIYA ON THE BACK BURNER AGAIN...
IF I'M RIGHT
THEN THIS IS THE FIRST
IT'S NICE
US EATING LUNCH ALONE TOGETHER AT SCHOOL
EH?
AH, I GUESS SO



DOES IT REALLY... MATTER?


UP UNTIL YUKI THAT IS
I REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING
.....
I WONDER IF I WILL COME TO LIKE SEKIYA THE MORE I'M WITH HIM
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYTHING TO HAPPEN WITH NUKUI
Ah, and in middle school
I DON'T REALLY DISLIKE HIM NOW
ORIGINALLY, I LIKED SEKIYA
But that was past

AN IDIOT
UMM...
I'M
POOF

WELL
IF IT'S NOTHING THEN
NO.
IT'S NOTHING
WHAT?

YEAH...
SHE WAS WORRIED I'D GET ANGRY...
IT WAS LIKE THIS WITH SHIZUKA
TALKING ABOUT DUMB STUFF.
I'M ALWAYS
HUH?

I DON'T

SO THEN...
I
REALLY DISLIKE SEKIYA
BUT...

WHEN I GET BAD THOUGHTS
IT JUST HAPPENS
I'M TRYING TO FIX
THAT

SMACK
BUT
SEKIYA!
ICH-
ICHINA...?
BUT
flinch
BECAUSE
I'M SORRY!
IS IT ABOUT THE PASTRY?
NO!
IF NOT THEN...
IT'S NOT THAT!
.....
OKAY

I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU ANYMORE.
SHOULD WE GO BACK TO CLASS?
OH YEAH
SEKI...
UMM...
CHEMISTRY IS NEXT.
MURA-KUN HAS SUCH BAD BREATH...
ICCHAN WAS SO TERRIBLE THE LAST TIME
SEKIYA,
I...
IT'S...
.....
I DID...
AND...
YOU DID RESOLVE IT
.....YES
BUT I...
MADE A RESOLUTION
MY FEELINGS HAVE CHANGED
IT'S JUST THAT
I FEEL

Forgotten
SORRY!
SEKIYA!
THEN WHY?!
CLANG
FROM THE START...
I'M SORRY.
I'M...
I'M...

SEKI
I
THE SAME THING
IS HAPPENING AGAIN
I CAN'T EVEN
TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT YOU
I...
.....
.....
WHEN YOU ASKED ME I
THOUGHT I STILL LIKED YOU.
BUT...
I'M SORRY.

I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
SEKIYA
HAHA
SORRY
IT'S TRUE
EH...?
YEAH
IT'S TRUE
MUST NOT DO IT
IT'S HARD TO SAY SORRY
I CAN'T APOLOGIZE
DANG
DONG
ING
OH
I ABSOLUTELY
CLASS STARTED
BUT...

MINCED MEAT

I THINK I SHOULD BE

AND I SHOULD BE BEATEN TO A PULP UNTIL YOU CAN'T MAKE OUT MY BODY

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF THERE WERE TWO OF ME

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER FOR THE SKY TO FALL ON MY HEAD

crawling
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?
ICHINA?!
I haven't had lunch yet
What about sekiya?
SAKE...
AH?
GIVE ME SOME SAKE
PLEASE
OH
YOU BROKE UP WITH SEKIYA-KUN?
THAT'S RIGHT, DAMN IT!
WHAT IS IT TO YOU?! IT'S NOT HARD TO SEE WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR MIND!!!
RISE
NO, YOU'RE JUST EASY TO READ.

...I'm glad you're hopeless
I'm fine all by myself! I can take care of myself
YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE.
YOUR EYES WOULD TEAR UP WHEN YOU'D TRY TO HIDE YOUR FEELINGS
YOU COULD SEE THAT?
YOUKO-SAN.
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
NO
MAKE BREAKFAST WHEN I COME BACK.
MAKE SOME!
I'll be in the shower
.....
WELL, DO YOU WANT ME TO READ YOUR CURRENT EXPRESSION?
AH
I SEE
thud
Huh?
WHAT IS
LOVE?
CERTAINLY I

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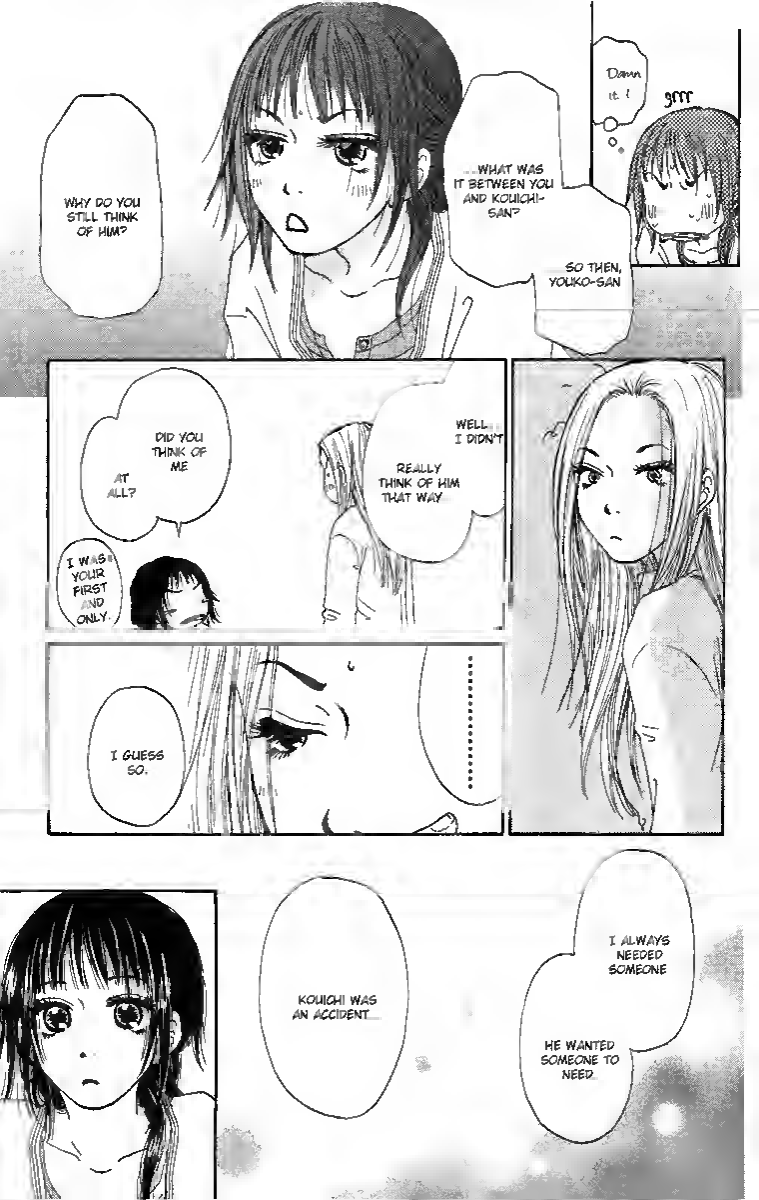
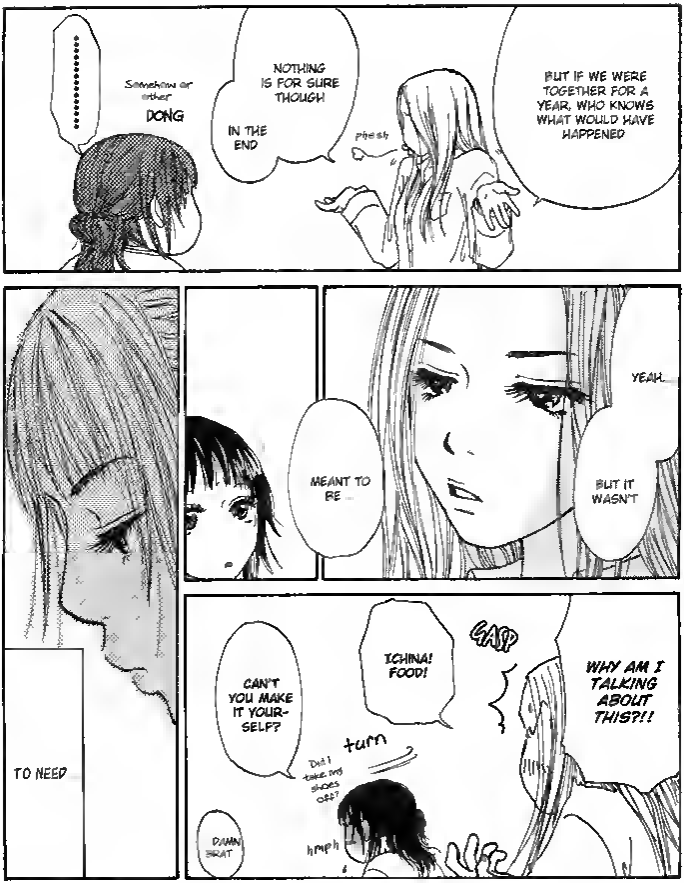
NONETHELESS, IN THIS SHORT TIME SINCE WHATEVER SPARK THAT WAS THERE DIED.
I LIKED SEKIYA. I REALLY, REALLY LIKED HIM.
...I ABSOLUTELY THOUGHT
SEKIYA EVER LIKE ME? WAS THERE EVER A MOMENT HE DID?
...AND WHEN DID
MY FEELINGS FOR HIM DIED.
BUT AFTER THAT DAY DURING SUMMER BREAK
YOU'VE GOT GUTS!
...UWAH!
I HAD FEELINGS FOR HIM
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
FINE JUST MAKE IT.
...SHISH-KEBAB?
UWAAAAAAH!!!
"WHAT IS LOVE"?!
"WHAT IS LOVE," YOU SAY?!
Oh no! Are you in puberty already?!
BEEK!
Don't go assuming things!
DIE DAMN IT...!
Ano! What is this?!
You're misunderstanding the question!


Damn it!
grrr
...WHAT WAS IT BETWEEN YOU AND KOUICHI-SAN?
SO THEN, YOUKO-SAN
WHY DO YOU STILL THINK OF HIM?
WELL... I DIDN'T REALLY THINK OF HIM THAT WAY
DID YOU THINK OF ME AT ALL?
I WAS YOUR FIRST AND ONLY.
.....
I GUESS SO.
I ALWAYS NEEDED SOMEONE
HE WANTED SOMEONE TO NEED
KOUICHI WAS AN ACCIDENT...



THAT'S... AN ACCIDENT?

"SOMEONE TO NEED"?

"NEEDED SOMEONE"?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
HERE'S YOUR BAG
SEKIYA-KUN GAVE IT TO ME
DID YOU LEAVE EARLY TODAY?
EH...?
OH.
Thanks
YEAH...
EMPTY-HANDED?
I GUESS SO...
HMPH
I don't know whether to tell him or not
flop
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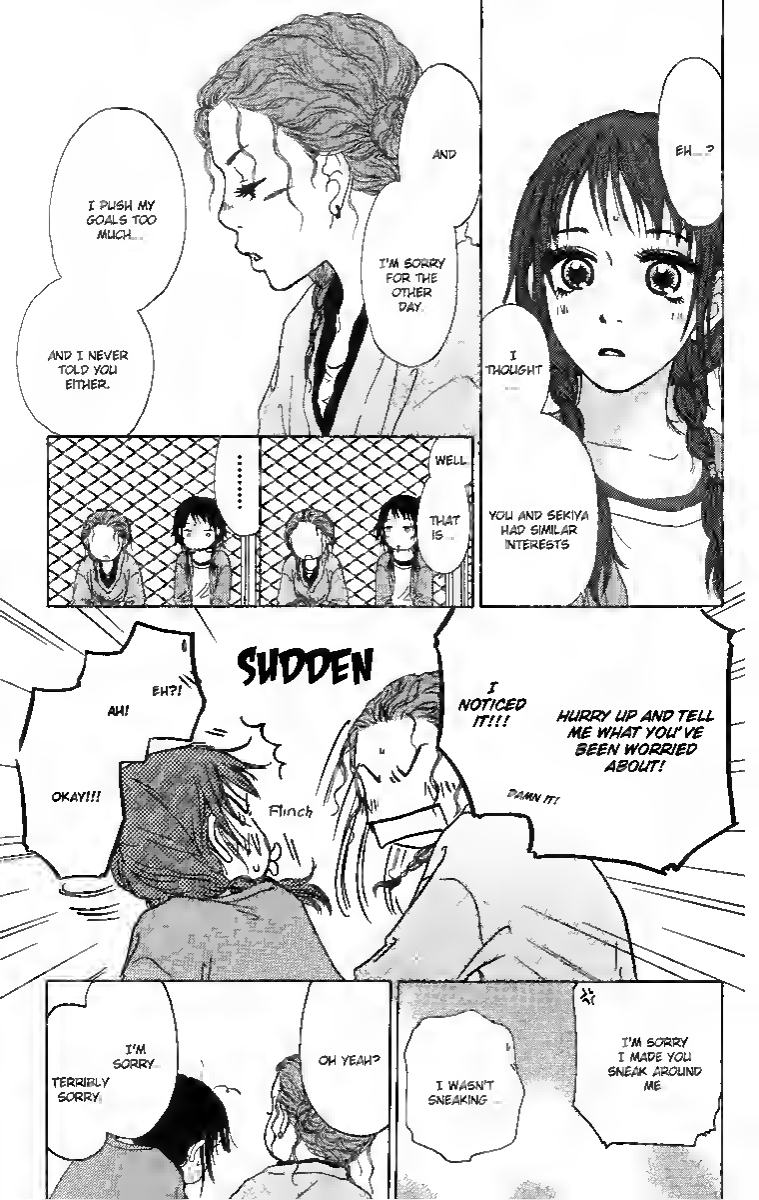
EVEN IF I DO,
WELL...
WHAT WOULD HE DO?
Well, he is being nice and all
pat
pat
pat
pat
pat
BEFORE EVERYTHING,
I DIDN'T KNOW HIS CHARACTER
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING
SOME-THING IS WRONG
IT'S LIKE WALKING ON A LANDMINE...
NUKUI
HM?
BUT I WONDER
WHAT THIS IS?
YOU JUST WHAT?
I'M SORRY I JUST...
EH?!
OH!
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO TOUCH ME?
Just removed and

"I CAN'T GET RID OF HIM."
I FEEL THAT
SORRY
Yesterday just felt like Love might magic
I wonder if this is just my emotions
But
.....
.....
WELL,
IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN CARESS ME AGAIN
pat pat
pat
BUT...
ANY-WAY,
EH? NO
WELL...
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
...HMM. NUKUI, DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING I TOLD YOU ABOUT TOUCHING ME?

I DON'T CARE...
I'LL LET NUKUI TOUCH ME
I CERTAIN-LY THINK IT FEELS GOOD
...THINK SO
THERE YOU ARE
ICHINA?
WHY DID YOU BREAK UP WITH SEKIYA.
hunh
YU-
YUKI...
PARDON THE INTRUSION.
SEKIYA TOLD ME YESTER-DAY...
"IT SEEMS SOMETHING WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT BETWEEN US,"
HE SAID
Forbidden


EH...?
I THOUGHT...
YOU AND SEKIYA HAD SIMILAR INTERESTS
AND
I'M SORRY FOR THE OTHER DAY.
I PUSH MY GOALS TOO MUCH...
AND I NEVER TOLD YOU EITHER.
WELL...
THAT IS...
.....
SUDDEN
I NOTICED IT!!!
HURRY UP AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT!
DAMN IT!
Flinch
EH?!
AH!
OKAY!!!
I'M SORRY...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.
OH YEAH?
I WASN'T SNEAKING...
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU SNEAK AROUND ME

BUT WHEN YOU MAKE THAT FACE
I GUESS
HMPH
WELL...
BUT
YOU'RE WRONG
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SEKIYA
HUH?
YEAH BECAUSE
I'VE HEARD THE STORIES ABOUT
SEKIYA'S GIRLFRIENDS
TO SOME EXTENT I SAW
NO SHAME IN THAT HAPPY FACE OF HIS
I THOUGHT HE
WAS SO AMAZING
Oh, that's right. I had my ears pierced too.
I don't want to see!
Ah, want to see? I sent this yesterday. See? See?
I'm not listening!
BUT NOW...
MAYBE HE'S JUST A PRETTY BOY
I
WANTED TO SEE SEKIYA TALK TO ME AS
HIS GIRLFRIEND

NEVERTHELESS
...YOU'RE EXAGGERATING AGAIN...
NOW I'M HOLDING OUT FOR SEKIYA'S WEDDING RECEPTION!
I'M FINE. YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING.
YOU'RE LYING IF YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT IT AT ALL
THERE ARE VARIOUS KINDS OF PEOPLE
...THAT'S RIGHT
DING
DANG
DONG
AH, THE BELL
TIME FOR CLASS?

SHIMO-DERA-SAN.
.....
LONG TIME NO SEE
HUH?
ICHINA-CHAN
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT UNIFORM?
OHH, WELL I BORROWED IT
Does it look good on me?
TODAY FELT LIKE A MEMORIAL DAY
A MEMORIAL DAY?
YES IT IS
FOR NUKUI PAPA'S PREVIOUS WIFE
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE FOR ME
EH?
NUKUI
UMM
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S HIDE-CHAN'S MOTHER'S
ERMM
SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH

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Vinegar

For some reason I'm addicted to vinegar lately. But, I don't drink vinegar. I only use vinegar for flavoring. I pour vinegar into Sumono (Japanese-style soup), udon, ramen, all kinds of soups (it's absolutely delicious) boiled food, fried food and yakisoba. It's really delicious! But it's most delicious in a plain cup of ramen. Please try it at least one time. You might like it.

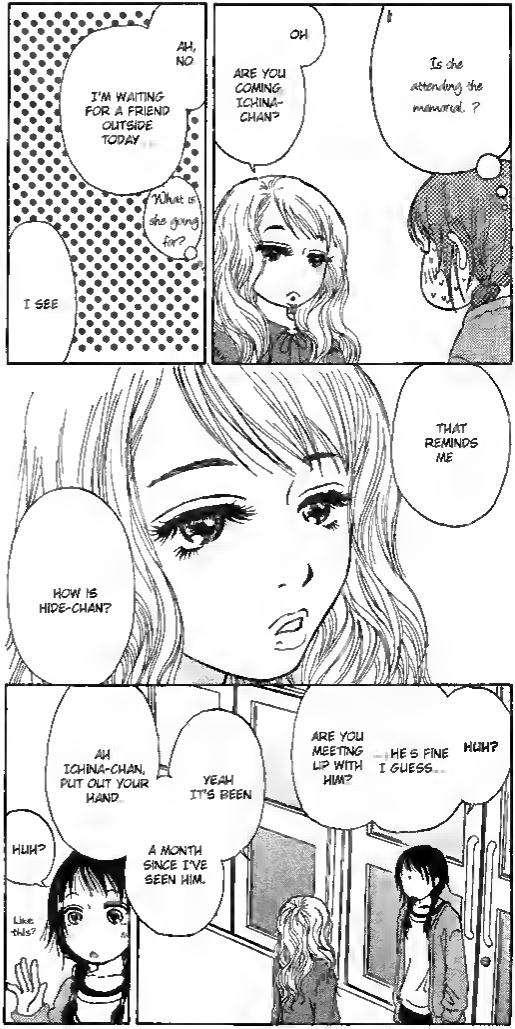
But why is vinegar my weak spot?

Cucumbers and wakame

A vinegar pickled dish

It's a mystery.

Seaweed soup is neither-than-fine.



TRADE PLACES
slap
OKAY
Huh?
TO HELP HID-CHAN
NOW YOU NEED
.....
Ahem?
ERMM...
WHA?!
EH?!
SEE YOU
She's fast!
UMM...
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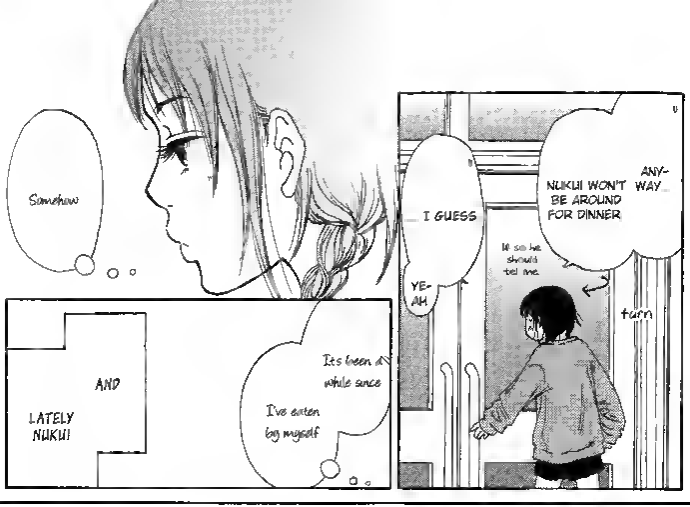

HAS BEEN EATING DINNER AT
THE HOUSE ALL THE TIME

THAT DOESN'T WORK!
BECAUSE YOU
YEAH
BESIDES,
SHIMO-DERA-SAN...
TODAY IS THE MEMORIAL
EH? BUT
YEAH
I'M HERE
Burble
Oh, the coffee is done
I'M SURE SHE WOULDN'T WANT ME TO COME
MY MOTHER HATED ME
CLATTER
AH ICHINA-CHAN, WANT SOME COFFEE?
SHE ALWAYS SAID IT
SHE SAID SHE HATED ME BECAUSE I WASN'T USEFUL
That's quite the impression.
...HATED YOU ..?
WELL, IT'S NORMAL FOR A BRAT TO NOT BE VERY USEFUL
AHAHA
THAT'S TRUE
BUT WELL, I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE HER MUCH EITHER
SHE WAS ALWAYS CRYING AND ANGRY
The world is a kind mine.

THAT'S ALL...
I GUESS
EVEN SO...
I THINK YOU SHOULD GO
I TALKED BACK TO HER
I...
STOOD UP TO HER ONCE WHEN
WHEN I WAS IN... ELEMENTARY SCHOOL..
...Huh?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
THE FIRST THING I SAID WAS
"JUST DIE."
I SAID THAT.
"DIE."
"I HATE YOU TOO."
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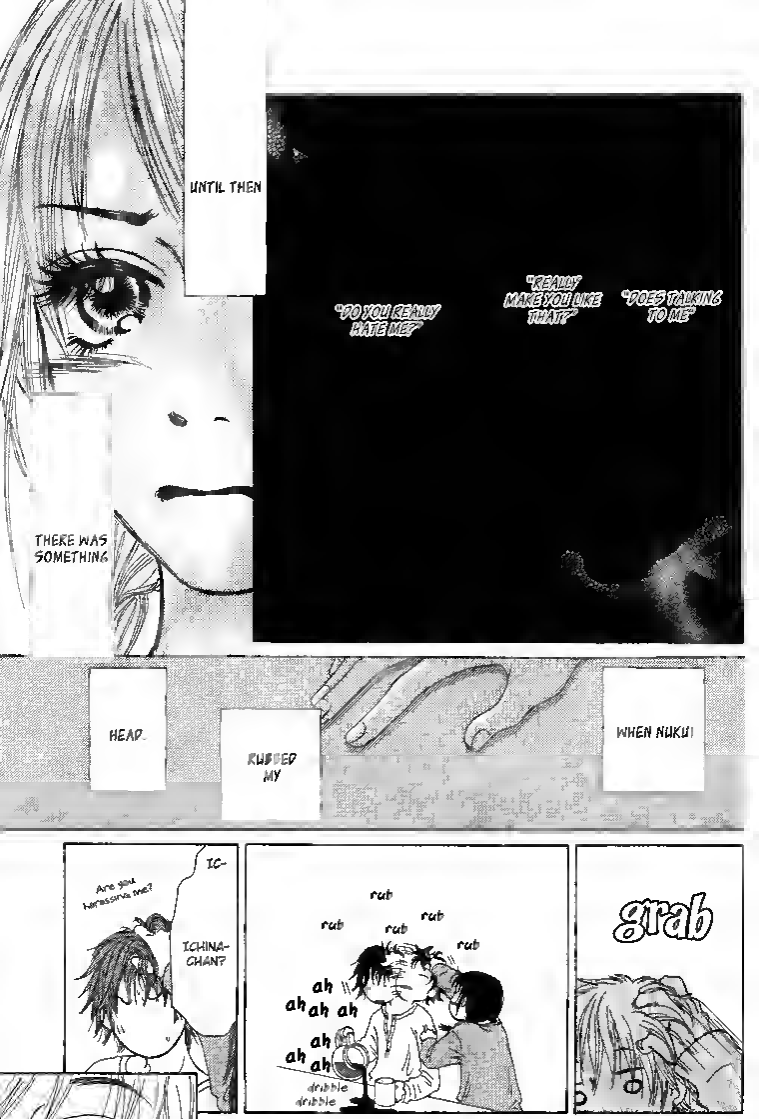
SHE TOLD ME TO GET OUT
I DIDN'T RETURN HOME EITHER
AND THAT SHUT ME UP QUICKLY.
MADE A STRANGE FACE
glug glug glug
THEN SHE
I NEVER REALLY WENT BACK HOME
"YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT SAYING ANYTHING."
I WISH YOU'D DIE.
SO,
I SHOULDN'T GO, HUH?


UNTIL THEN
"DO YOU REALLY HATE ME?"
"REALLY MAKE YOU LIKE THAT?"
"DOES TALKING TO ME"
THERE WAS SOMETHING
HEAD.
RUBBED MY
WHEN NUKUI
IC-
Are you harassing me?
ICHINA-CHAN?
rub
rub
rub
rub
rub
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
drubble drubble
grab

ARE YOU CRYING?
AHH?!
AND WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?
I'M NOT CRYING!
grr
YOU'RE EYES SPARKLED WHEN YOU WIPED THEM
HWAH
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
SWIPE
.....
WHY...
grab
rub
SHUT UP!
ah
ah
ah
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

JUST THAT.

REALLY, TRULY, HAPPY.

I THINK NUKUI WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY.

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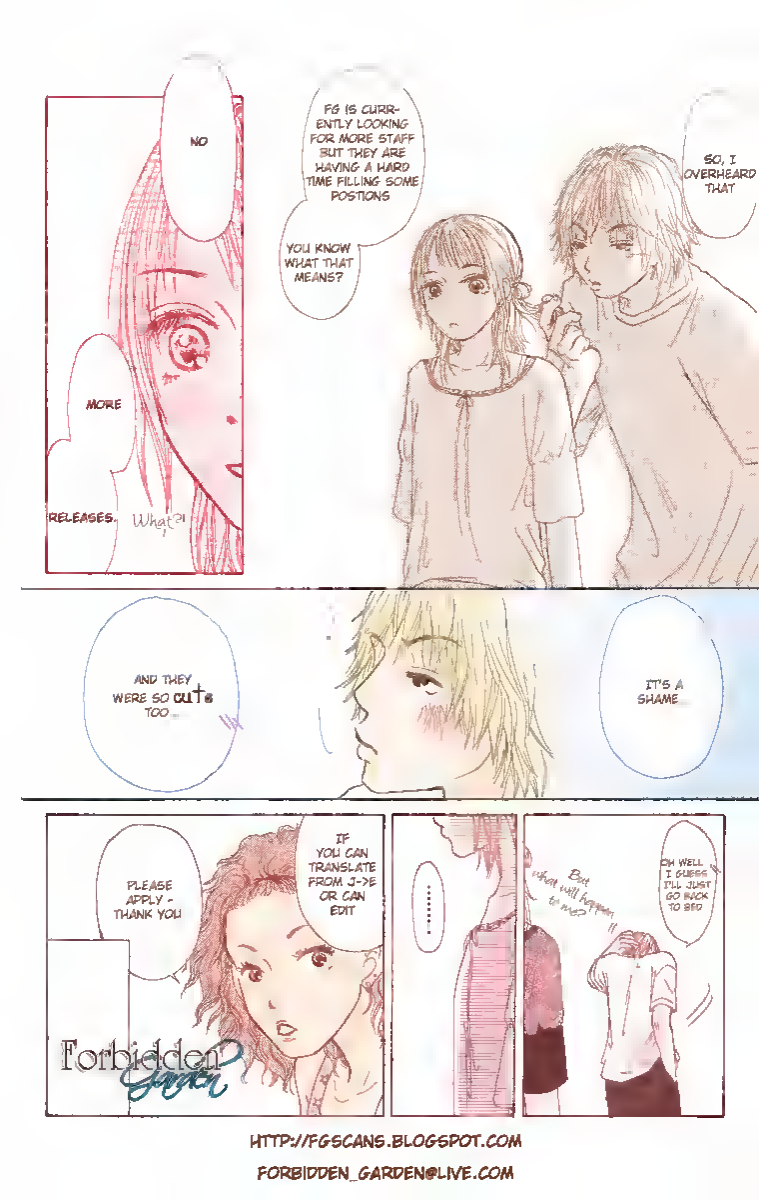
NO
MORE
RELEASES.
What?!
FG IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR MORE STAFF BUT THEY ARE HAVING A HARD TIME FILLING SOME POSTIONS
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
SO, I OVERHEARD THAT
AND THEY WERE SO cute TOO...
IT'S A SHAME
PLEASE APPLY - THANK YOU
IF YOU CAN TRANSLATE FROM J->E OR CAN EDIT
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.....
But what will happen to me?
OH WELL I GUESS I'LL JUST GO BACK TO BED

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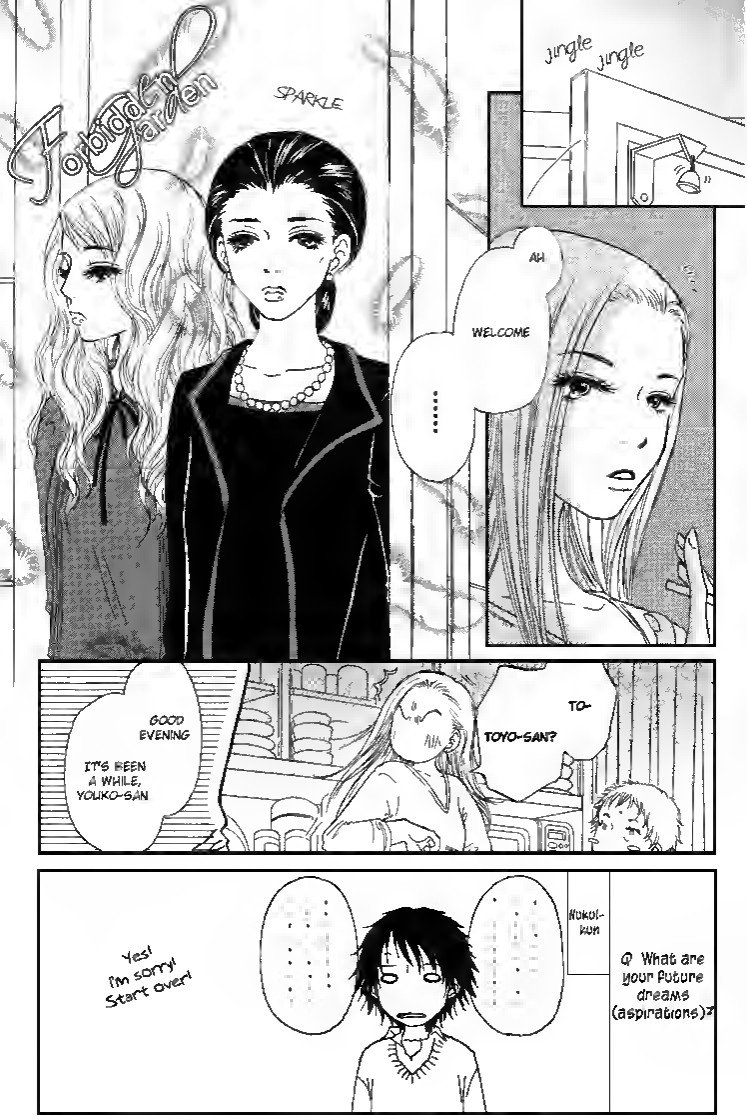
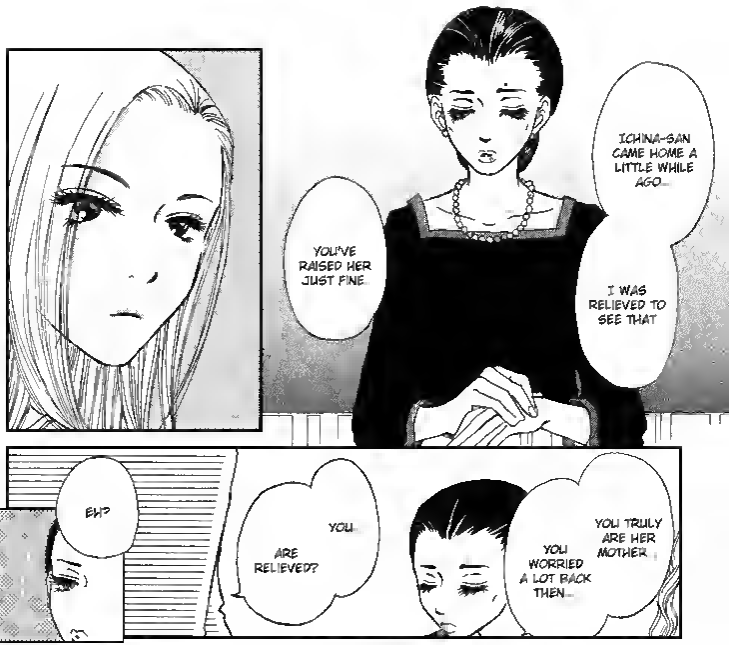
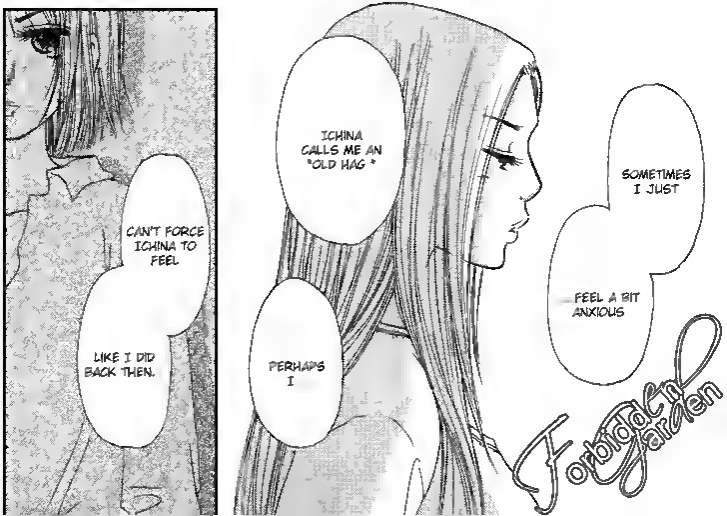

SPARKLE
jingle jingle
AH
WELCOME
.....
GOOD EVENING
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YOUKO-SAN
TO-
TOYO-SAN?
Youkoi-kun
Q What are your future dreams (aspirations)?
Yes! I'm sorry! Start over!

WHY ARE YOU HERE AGAIN...?
COINCIDENTALLY, WE HAD SOME BUSINESS OUTSIDE TODAY
.....
...WHAT, YOUKO-SAN?
YOU KNOW HER?
SORT OF. SHE WAS MY SENPAI AT AN OLD JOB. SHE HELPED ME OUT A LONG TIME AGO.
I'M SHIMODERA TOYO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
SHE QUIT SOON AFTER I STARTED.
WELL, WE WORKED AT THE SAME RESTAURANT FOR ABOUT A MONTH.
WOW, A SENPAI!
Even you had a senpai!
AH
HI... I'm Aoi Shina
EH? RESTAU-RANT?
YEAH. A SHABBY COLLEGE GIRL PUB. BUT THERE
AH, BUT YOU
OH MY, HOW EMBAR-RASSING
WE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN NO 1 WHILE FALSIFYING OUR AGES. WE WERE ALL FAKES IN SOME WAY.
HOW OLD IS SHE...?

I WON'T ADMIT IT EITHER...
THAT'S RIGHT.
HEY!
DON'T ASK SUCH THINGS!
KNEW YOUKO BACK THEN!
WASN'T THAT A WHILE AGO...?
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT BIRTH AND RAISING A CHILD!
EXCUSE ME!
I HAD NO FRIENDS WITH ANY EXPERIENCE...
NO ONE WAS AROUND!
You really haven't changed since then!
WOW
I was really surprised. I figured she didn't have any manners.
IT WAS LIKE THAT.
YES.
THAT REMINDS ME.
THAT WE CAN AGREE ON
I WAS SURPRISED
AND BESIDES TOYO-SAN WAS FAMILIAR WITH NUKUI-SAN AT THE TIME.


ICHINA-SAN CAME HOME A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
I WAS RELIEVED TO SEE THAT
YOU'VE RAISED HER JUST FINE.
EH?
YOU ARE RELIEVED?
YOU WORRIED A LOT BACK THEN...
YOU TRULY ARE HER MOTHER.


SOMETIMES I JUST
FEEL A BIT ANXIOUS
ICHINA CALLS ME AN "OLD HAG."
PERHAPS I
CAN'T FORCE ICHINA TO FEEL
LIKE I DID BACK THEN.
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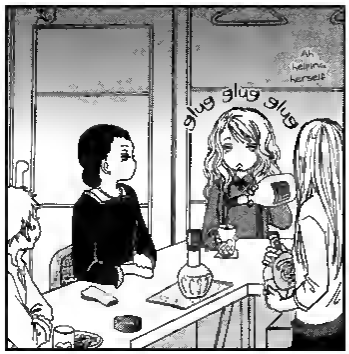
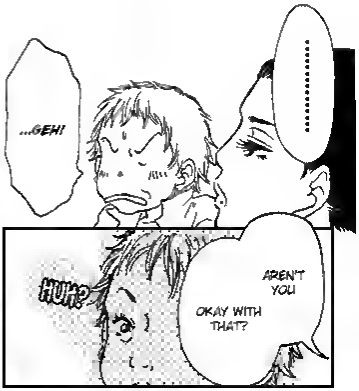
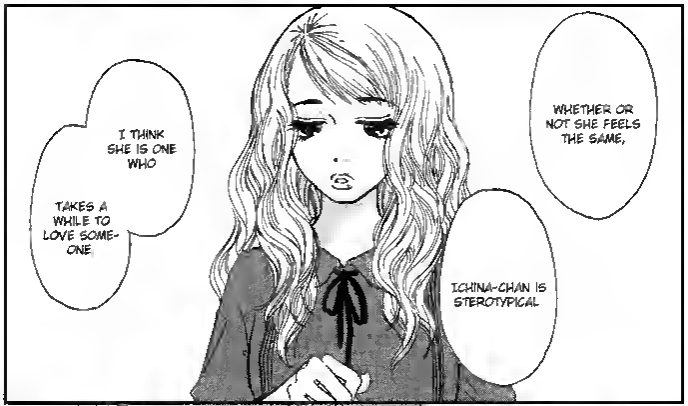
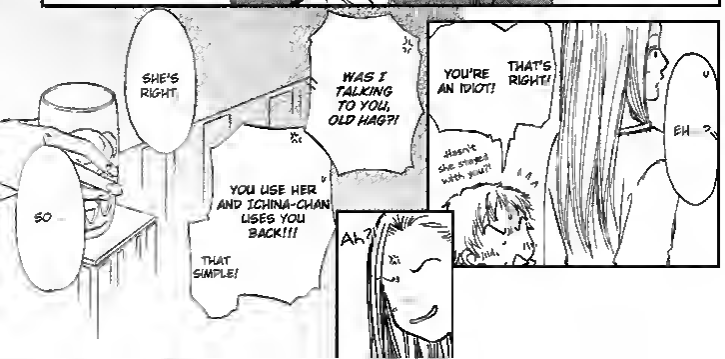

Ah, he's in heaven herself
glug glug glug


.....
...GEH!
HUH?
AREN'T YOU OKAY WITH THAT?


I THINK SHE IS ONE WHO TAKES A WHILE TO LOVE SOME-ONE
WHETHER OR NOT SHE FEELS THE SAME,
ICHINA-CHAN IS STEROTYPICAL


SHE'S RIGHT
WAS I TALKING TO YOU, OLD HAG?!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
EH ?
doesn't she pretend with you?!
SO
YOU USE HER AND ICHINA-CHAN USES YOU BACK!!!
THAT SIMPLE!
Ah?

WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ICHINA-CHAN...
I HAD ONCE OR TWICE TOLD TEACHERS AND FRIENDS,
THAT I DON'T CALL MY MOTHER
"THAT WOMAN" OR "OLD HAG" THAT OFTEN.
I can strike his yet black hair
BUT...
See.
He hasn't been decayed.

MUCH MORE...
.....
I hate it.
MORE THAN I KNOW.
NUKUI TOLD ME THAT
THOSE WORDS ECHO INSIDE "HER"
really hate it
I really
IS FLOATING HIGH ABOVE ME
I NEVER WENT BACK THERE
IT FEELS LIKE NUKUI
BUT I CAN NEVER QUITE GET THERE
I CAN TRY AND JUMP TO REACH HIM
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blink
.....
.....
UWAH!
9L
flinch
AM
HEY, WAKE UP!
.....
.....
HM?
what?
OH, YOU WERE AWAKE?
IC-
ICHINA-CHAN...

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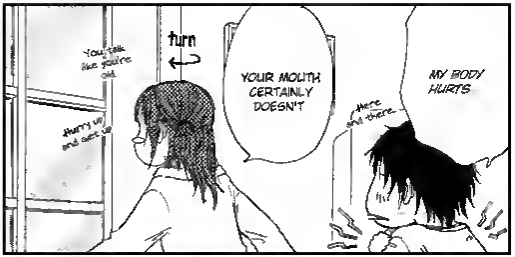
Simplicity

The other day I studied some Manga Magazines like "Anepichi" (Peach Lemon May edition) Zig Zag Don's Sekiya was picked up in an article on a present day male analysis. It analyzed key words that lead up to each manga character in present day men. In it they gave Sekiya the key word "simplicity". (laugh) I was really happy how nice. Simplicity?



However, compared to other manga only Zig Zag Don's was evidently cheerful... Or I feel some anonymity...

Does the editor even read Cookie? If so it's a story I'd like to hear.

SEEMED TO HAVE CHANGED A LITTLE AGAIN

PERHAPS THAT'S JUST

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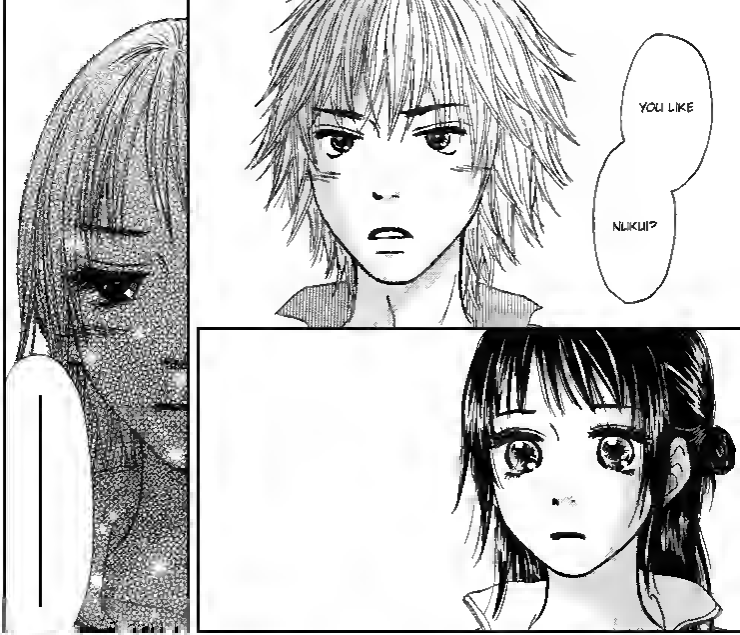
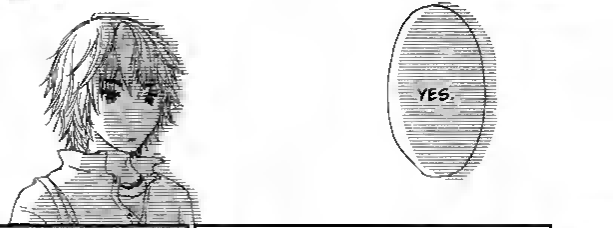
MAYBE WHAT I WANTED TO THINK
AH
YO.
SE-
SEKIYA...
AH! WELL! DID YOU...
COME JUST FOR TODAY...?
EH?
SO I WANTED
TO SEE HOW YOU WERE
YEAH... EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THE BREAK UP
THEY'RE SAYING THINGS LIKE, "THEY WEREN'T GOOD FOR EACH OTHER."
Ah.
Yu
I WAS THE LUCKY ONE
SO
I'M REALLY SORRY I SAID SELFISH THINGS...
BUT HEY
Yuki told me about that.
OKAY

YOU SAVED ME TOO
THANKS, SEKIYA.
I THINK PERHAPS
HE'S WRONG
...NO
ALSO...
I WANTED TO
ASK YOU JUST THIS ONE THING
SURE...
.....
ICHINA,
DO...
EH?


YOU LIKE
NUKUI?


YES.

IT IS IMPOS-SIBLE
YOU SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE...
BUT...

AND EVEN SO
...YES
I THINK IT IS IMPOSSIBLE
...I LIKE HIM.
HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND?!
HEY! SEKIYA-KUN!
SEEMS THAT WAY
BUT
If it were that easy I'd have no problem.
JR 愚布
Yaoi Fan Scan

.....
AT LEAST
ARGH IT'S MESSED UP
EVERYTHING'S SO MESSED UP
But I can't avoid it
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF
YOU'RE NOT ACTING NORMAL AT SCHOOL
WHY CAN'T...
IF SHE'S HUNG UP ON NUKUI,
SHE'LL GIVE UP ON HIM
THINGS JUST FLOW SMOOTHLY

so sorry, Ichina!
Im...
HORN
AH, TOMOYO
GRAB
Huh,?
EH?
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
TO SEKIYA-KUN...
I SAID TOO MUCH
I SAID...
WELL,
EITHER WAY
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
I-
EH?
OHH...
I TRULY DON'T THINK YOU SAID ANYTHING
ALL THAT BAD
BUT SURE IT IS!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
AH, IT'S OKAY!
I SAID IT'S FINE!
Huh?

IT WOULD HAVE COME TO THIS ANYWAY
"DO YOU LIKE NUKUI?"
BUT
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT ON EARTH CAN I DO?
SO REALLY DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
REALLY?
YES
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND
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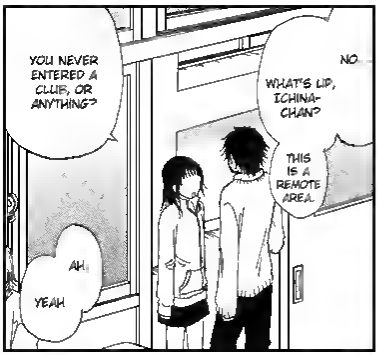
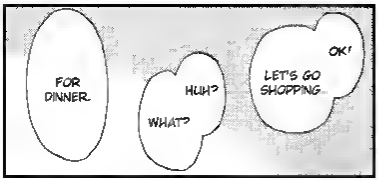
Whatever
Maybe its something
maybe its not
I CAN DO IT NOW
DING
DONG
DING
DONG
ARE YOU CLEANING TODAY?





FOR NOW,

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT DURING CLASS AND COME UP WITH THIS IDEA.

I'LL GIVE NUKUI THE IDEAL HOME!

(Housework, cooking, the whole shebang.)

MY, AREN'T YOU QUICK ON THE DRAW
LET'S GO
...YOU?
I KNOW I FIGURED I'D TEACH YOU
I already thought of that!
Is this a joke? I don't make sweets
I CAN'T COOK
WELL, FOR START-ERS...
A MEAL QUEST. A PURE QUEST.
Even I can help
But it won't hurt him to learn how to cook!
I EVEN FEEL A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
The first cooking lesson
The purchase
They're both good.
Which one?
Which one is fresh?
Preparation
Thin slices!
Cooking
If you keep it in too long, you'll burn it.
AND OF COURSE,
IT'S TURNED INTO THIS

Finished
IT'S FUN
DONE!
OHH.
GOOD JOB.
I watched over it
COME NOW,
LET'S EAT
ICHINA-CHAN
HM?
kiss
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IDIOT! IDIOT! NUKUI'S AN IDIOT!!!
TIME TO EAT.
...NUKUI! WHY YOU...!!!
You take advantage of people.
I DIDN'T TOUCH YOU!
IT'S JUST HAIR
Sale
ID-
Hey
He doesn't read people.
Argh Damn it!
It makes me happy
to touch Nuku
BUT

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN US.
YOU'RE NOT EATING, ICHINA-CHAN?
gasp
AH I'M EATING.
AND YET
HOW DOES IT TASTE?
YEP
DELICIOUS
IT FEELS FANCY
A WEIRD TASTE?
The bonus were the drinkware.
YEAH, I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S DELICIOUS THOUGH
TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE TERM

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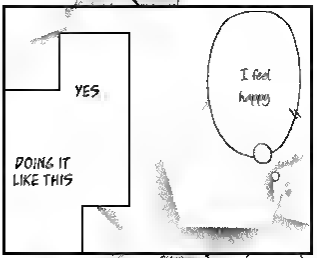
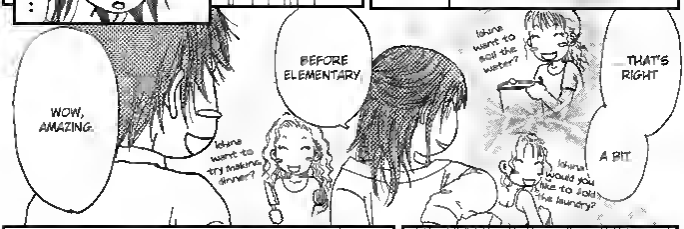
BUT YOU JUST NEED TO PRACTICE SEASONING FOOD
YOU HAVE GOOD SKILLS YOU'LL BE GOOD IN NO TIME
...REALLY?
YE!
YOU CAN COOK EGGS WITH ME TOMORROW MORNING.
AND YET
WE CAN BE TOGETHER THIS WAY.
...IS SCRAMBLED OKAY?
THERE'S LOTS OF STUFF WE CAN DO
DOING IT LIKE THIS,
I GET TO SEE NUKUI SMILE
THAT MAKES ME FEEL
OKAY WITH JUST THAT.

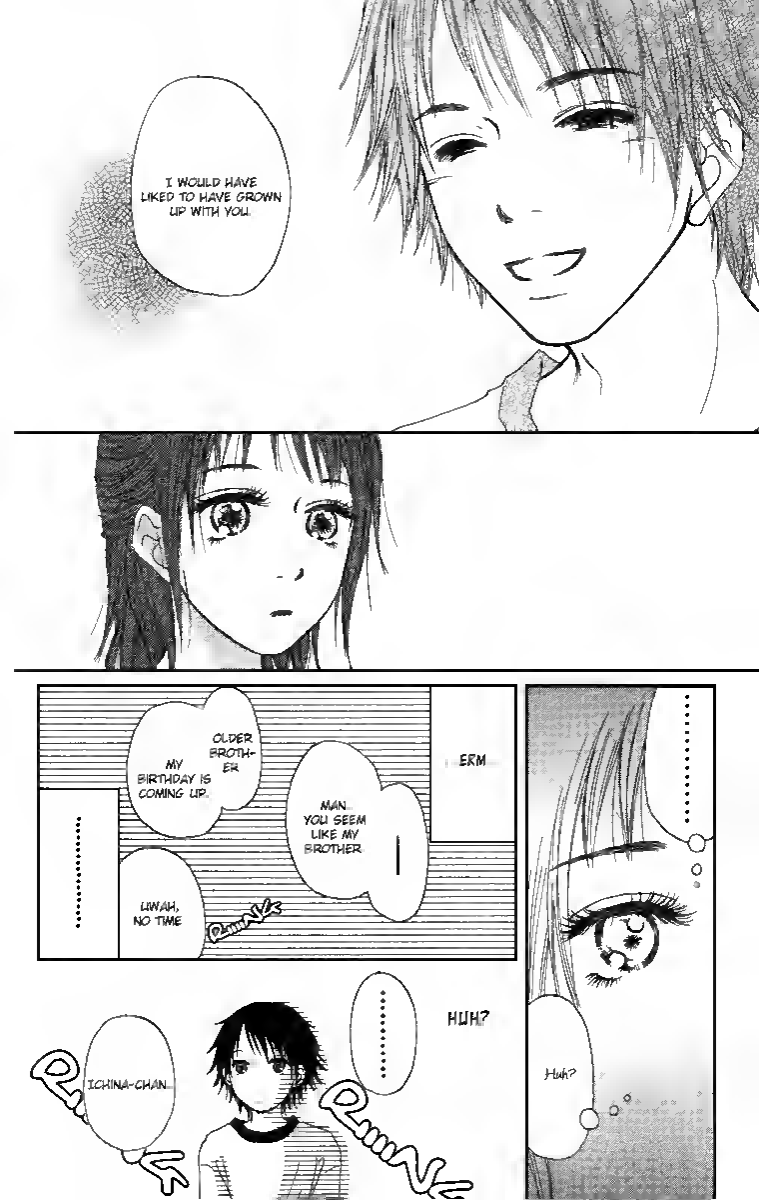
ICHINA-CHAN DID YOUKO-SAN TEACH YOU ALL THIS?
FOREVER...
EH?
YEAH, I GUESS
.....

Yeah.
Im good with this


YES
DOING IT LIKE THIS
I feel happy


WOW, AMAZING.
BEFORE ELEMENTARY
Ichina want to try making dinner?
Ichina want to fold the laundry?
THAT'S RIGHT
A BIT
Ichina, would you like to fold the laundry?

HUH?
Huh?
I WOULD HAVE LIKED BEING YOUKO-SAN'S CHILD
I SEE


I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE GROWN UP WITH YOU.
ERM...
MAN... YOU SEEM LIKE MY BROTHER.
OLDER BROTH-ER
MY BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP.
UWAH, NO TIME
DUNK
.....
Huh?
HUH?
.....
ICHINA-CHAN...
DUNK
DUNK

YOUR PHONE IS RINGING
Fuck a while now!
GASP
AH
YES?!
HELLO?!
EH?!
AH!
RINGING
RINGING
RINGING
GOOD EVENING...
AH...
THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER
OH, OKAY
EH?
OKAY
NUKUI,
I NEED TO GO OUT
CLATTER
I'LL GO TOO...
I'M NOT OUT MUCH...
BEEP
AH, IT'S OKAY!
IT'S NEAR BY SO I'LL BE BACK SOON
CLACK
WATCH THE HOUSE
NUKUI...
SLAM
ERM
TOP OF THE SHOE SHELF...
LIKES ME...
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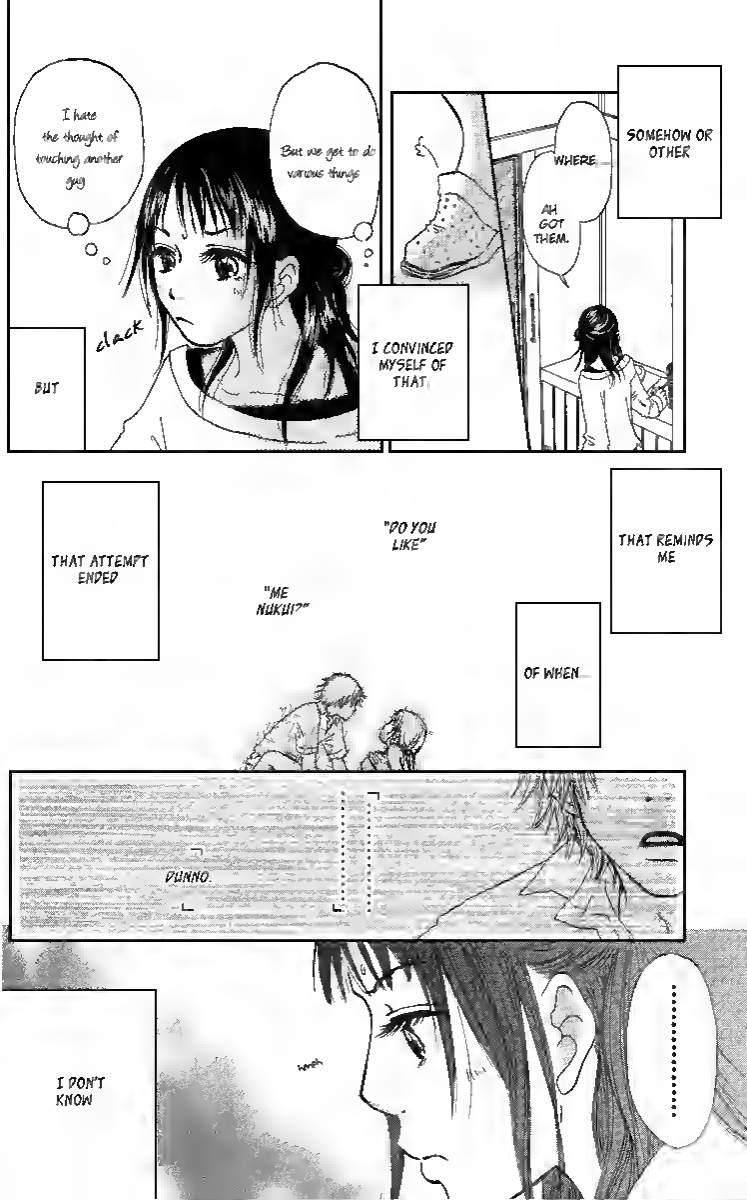
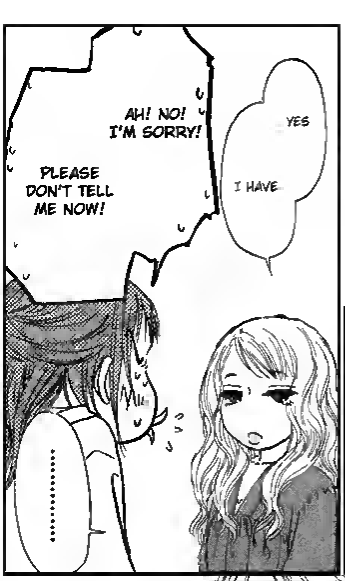
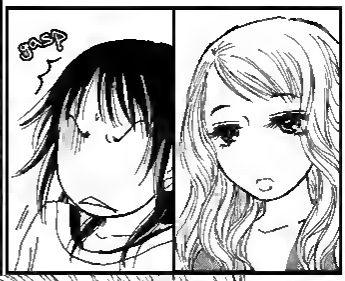

I hate the thought of touching another guy
But we get to do various things
clack
BUT
I CONVINCED MYSELF OF THAT
WHERE
AH GOT THEM.
SOMEHOW OR OTHER
THAT ATTEMPT ENDED
"DO YOU LIKE"
"ME NUKUI?"
THAT REMINDS ME
OF WHEN
DUNNO
I DON'T KNOW
.....

IF THAT'S REALLY ANY BETTER...
AH ICHINA-CHAN
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.
AH, IT'S OKAY
THIS IS YOUR PHONE, RIGHT?
YES.
I GUESS I FORGOT IT AT YOUKO-SAN'S SNACK BAR.
THANK YOU
WASN'T THAT INCONVENIENT?
HERE YOU GO
IT'S OKAY I DON'T USE THIS ONE MUCH
Only when I need it.
Oh.
How many does she have?
WHILE YOU'RE HERE
YOU SHOULD COME OVER
HMM
BUT...
AH THAT REMINDS ME...
HIDE-CHAN COMES OVER WHEN HE FEELS LIKE IT
I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN HIM AROUND MUCH THOUGH.
THAT'S A CHANGE
...SHI-MODERA-SAN


AH! NO! I'M SORRY!
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME NOW!
YES
I HAVE
.....

YOU'VE SLEPT WITH NUKUI, RIGHT?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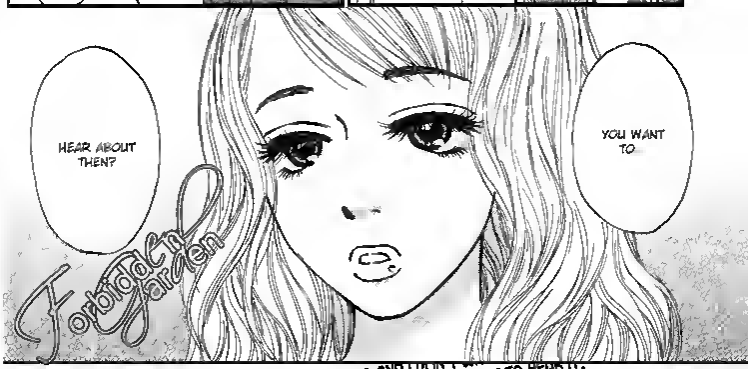
HEAR ABOUT THEN?
YOU WANT TO
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You weren't sliding.
Wow

I DO AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.
Ugh

ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO,
MY MOTHER AND I ENTERED INTO THE NUKUI HOUSE
ON THAT FIRST DAY
AH, ICHINA-CHAN
GREEN TEA, BARLEY TEA, OR OOLONG?
EH? AH! GREEN TEA. Please.
I guess it's a long story.
OKAY Green tea
SO, ON THAT FIRST DAY
POP
CRACK
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SLEPT IN A BED
WHEN I OPENED MY EYES DURING THE NIGHT...
HUH?!
Here, your green tea.
A BOY I DIDN'T KNOW WAS SQUEEZING MY NECK WHILE STRADDLING ME.
WELL, IT WAS JUST HIDE-CHAN
SLIP
Oh, no!
EH?!

HUH?!
FOR SOME REASON I WANTED TO KISS HIM.
I EVEN TRIED TO
THEN IT SUDDENLY WENT QUIET
AND THEN
WHILE I WAS IN PAIN
I LOOKED INTO THE BOY'S EYES
I'M SORRY! I CAN'T EVEN COMPREHEND THAT STORY!
EH? IS THAT SO?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
Well, that's how stories run right?
AND GRADUALLY WE HAD SEX...
HIDE-CHAN WAS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON
HE WAS ALL SMILES AND COURTEOUS
THE FOLLOWING DAY
NUKUI-SAN SENIOR ONCE AGAIN INTRODUCED ME TO HIDE-CHAN
WELL, THAT DAY ENDED WITH THAT

I HONESTLY THOUGHT HE WAS A DIFFERENT KID.
.....
BUT THAT NIGHT
HIDE-CHAN CAME INTO MY ROOM AGAIN.
FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM TO DAYTIME,
HE AGAIN LOOKED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
HE ASKED ME "IS IT OKAY IF I TOUCH YOU?"
"THAT'S FINE," I ANSWERED
AND IT WENT ON AGAIN LIKE THAT
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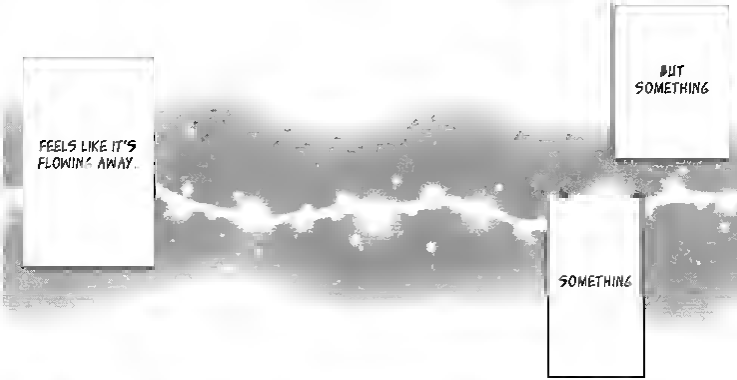
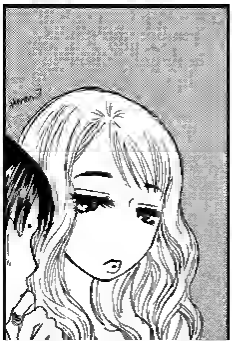
BUT
IT ENDED AT THAT.
AFTER THAT HIDE-CHAN
WOULDN'T TOUCH
ME AT ALL.

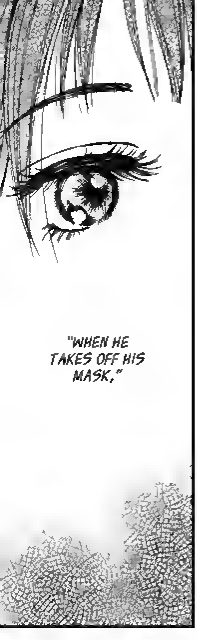




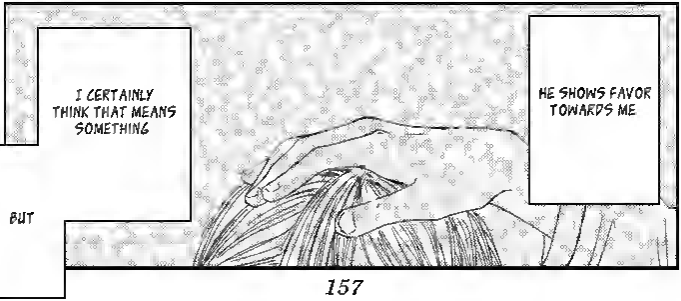
CAN I SUBTLY PROTECT SOMEONE?

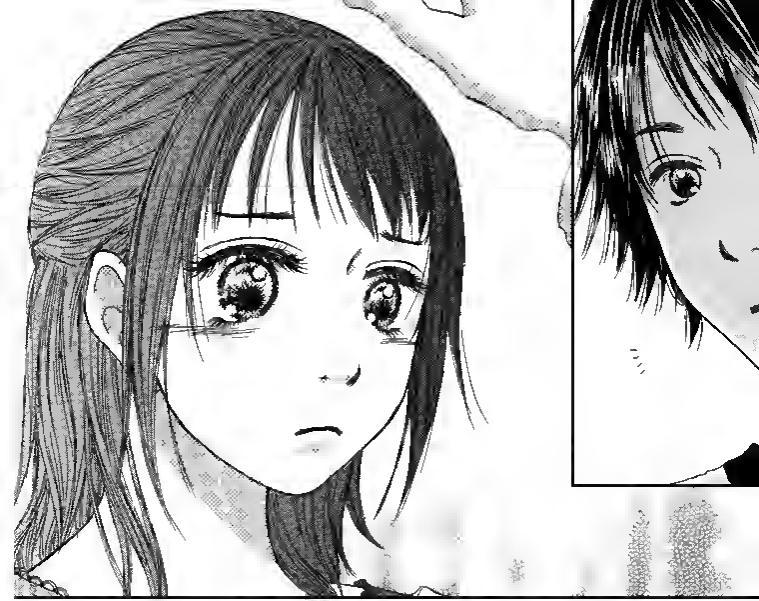
LISTEN, ICHINA-CHAN
WHEN HE TAKES OFF HIS MASK
HIDE-CHAN'S COMMUNICATION ABILITIES
ARE LIKE AN INFANTS
BEST REGARDS
"YES."
THAT IS
WHAT I THOUGHT
Yes
.....

SOMEHOW OR OTHER
AH.
WELCOME BACK ICHINA-CHAN.
WHAT DID YOU...
clack
I'M HOME.
AH.
AH.
YOU BREWED SOME TEA
THANKS.
EH? WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?


"WHEN HE TAKES OFF HIS MASK,"

NUKUI
SOMEHOW I THINK THAT TOO I FEEL THAT UNTIL NOW VARIOUS THINGS HAVE HELPED ME UNDERSTAND HIM A LITTLE
"HIDE-CHAN'S COMMUNICATION ABILITIES"
"ARE LIKE AN INFANTS"


I CERTAINLY THINK THAT MEANS SOMETHING
BUT
HE SHOWS FAVOR TOWARDS ME



THAT

BUT

AROUND ME
I DON'T THINK HE'S REALLY THAT DIFFERENT
AFTER ALL

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ICHINA-CHAN?
...WHAT'S WRONG,
IT'S ABSOLUTELY
.....
"IMPOSSIBLE"
"IMPOSSIBLE"
EVEN THAT IS JUST SAD
I'VE BEEN REPEATING THAT TO MYSELF OVER AND OVER
IS IT SEKIYA-KUN AGAIN?
NO?
THEN WHAT?
shake
shake
shake
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There wasn't anything to put in this space. There are actual things to talk about, but not for today! See you in the next volume.
Listen,
The world
Hmm.
Umm.
Tsuu chan
Q. What are your future dreams (aspirations)?

I'M SO SELFISH
.....
ARE...
.....
SMACK
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!!!

WOULD YOU
SO
WHY
Owww
SO!
AH
I-
bean brain?
DUMMY!
ARGH.
MORON!
IDIOT!
BEAN BRAIN!
I'M SORRY

hug

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I honestly can't do it
AND YET I...
I can't do it
MY HEAD IS ALL MESSED UP.
OF NUKUI
I HATE THE THOUGHT OF LETTING GO
AH!
I'M GOING!
Shuffle
Shuffle
YOU GOING TO MOVE?
WE HAVE SCIENCE NEXT.
NOW...
ICHINA!
GASP
Tomoyo went on ahead.
She has weekly duties.

YUKI,
HM?
HEY... YUKI
YOU
REALLY DON'T WANT ME TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU?
IT'S OKAY?
AH
YEAH
Sorry mean.
Get to the point!
ABOUT SEKIYA?
You mean that?
I DON'T REALLY CARE
HA HA
WELL,
OR WHETHER I'M SMILING OR SAD,
WHETHER I'M NEAR THAT PERSON OR NOT,
HOW-EVER...
I'M HAPPY THAT WE'RE FRI-ENDS

.....
YES
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT
I SAW YOU YESTERDAY
LOOKING AWFULLY COZY WHILE SHOPPING WITH NUKUI
DROP
RUSTLE RUSTLE
AH WELL, I JUST
WHY ALL THE SUDDEN?
THAT REMINDS ME
.....
ARE YOU GUYS DATING?
AHH NO
I'm glad I went to the town store
But we still got caught
WE'RE NOT DATING
AND WE PROBABLY
WON'T
EVER EITHER
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YEAH.
.....
AND YET YOU LIKE HIM?
Wow, psychic!
AHH.
WELL,
THAT'S OBVIOUSLY A PROBLEM.
Hurry up and pick this up.
I'M SORRY.
BUT WELL,
I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK
THAT I SUPPORT THIS RELATION-SHIP

Let's go
Yeah
I really think
that she's in no way
happy I'm in love.
YEAH.
YUKI NEVER ASKED ANYTHING ELSE.
AND I NEVER SAID ANYTHING MORE.
BECAUSE THERE
I DON'T THINK SHE'S HAPPY FOR ME.
AND YET I KNOW
I MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES AND IT WAS DIFFICULT
WHEN I WAS WITH SEKIYA
EH?
YOU'RE NOT GOING SHOPPING TODAY?
THAT'S ALL IT IS
Yeah
That's it
WAS SOMETHING IN HER VOICE

Greetings

Anyway,
it's volume 4 of
Zig Zag Don

Up until now
I've been picking
at this story. I don't
feel like the mood
has changed much.
But please stick with
it till the end.
I'm sure you'll love it

See you later

Ishida Takumi

I WASN'T VERY HELPFUL
YEAH I HAVEN'T GONE RECENTLY
YOU HAVEN'T WORKED FOR THREE WEEKS?
HUH? YOU HAVEN'T GONE?
Damn!
I'VE WANTED TO GO TO YOUKO-SAN'S BAR FOR A WHILE NOW

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I was surprised when you came to the bar
DID YOUR FATHER... INTRODUCE YOU?
EH?
THAT REMINDS ME...
HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUKO-SAN?
YEAH.
IT WAS BEFORE I STARTED LIVING WITH YOU.
I LIVED ABOVE THE BAR.
I COULD HEAR THE VOICES UPSTAIRS AT NIGHT.
Youko-san's voice was really loud.
YOU LIVED THERE...? IN THE STORAGE SPACE?
THAT'S RIGHT
MY FATHER WOULD COME ONCE A MONTH
BUT IT WAS AWKWARD.
HE'S AN INVESTOR IN THE BAR SO HE'D GO TO CHECK UP ON IT.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE LOVERS
I thought the same thing. It made me consider the possibility.
nod nod
ONE DAY I THOUGHT I'D SET FIRE TO THE PLACE
HEY! HEY NOW! HOLD IT!
BUT THEN

KOUICHI?!
AH...
I GUESS NOT
I THOUGHT YOU
SORRY
...KOUICHI?
NUKU! KOUICHI?
EH?
NUKU! KOUICHI WAS MY OLDER BROTHER.
...AH!!! AHHH!!!!
SO THEN!
HE HAD A KID WITH A SECOND WIFE TWENTY YEARS APART!!!
WOW!
DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT?!
.....

LATE ON THE INTRO-DUCTIONS.
So it was a boy?
OHH!
SORRY
YOU?
WHO ARE
I AM.
SO THEN
AFTER THAT I USED TO VISIT THE BAR OFTEN TO TALK WITH HER.
WHEN I SAW AN YOUNGER PHOTO OF HIM I INSTANTLY THOUGHT OF YOU.
AH, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE HIM
YEAH ABOUT KOUICHI
I HAVE NO MEMORIES OF HIM.
TALK?
AH THAT'S RIGHT
YEAH.
IT'S LIKE SEEING HIM IN YOUR FACE
...I LOOK LIKE HIM?
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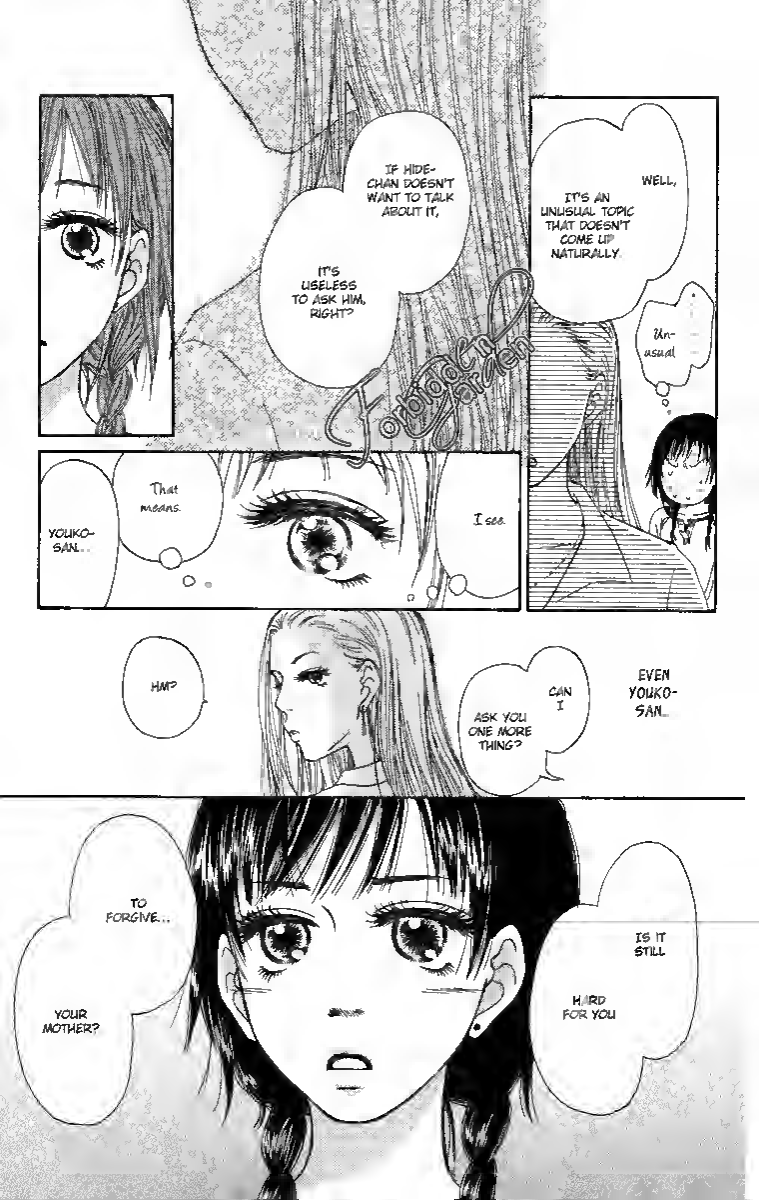
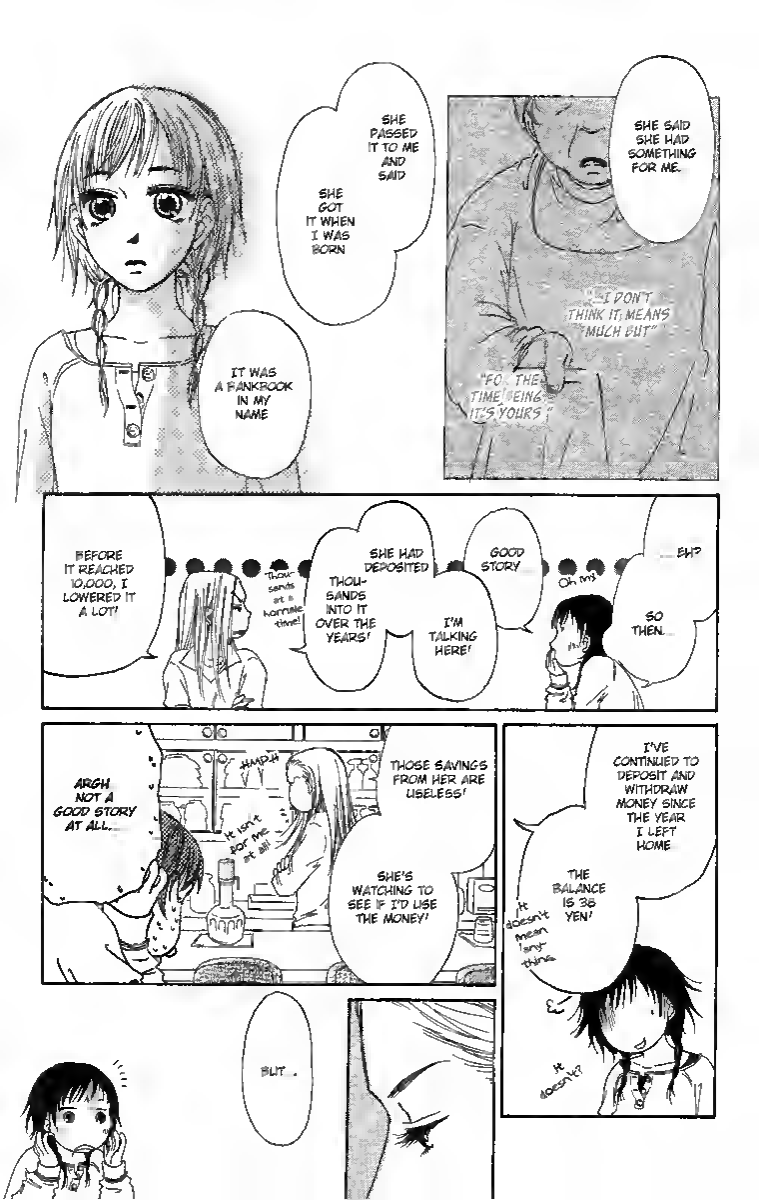
I SEE
AND
Huh?
SNACK ichi
HUH?
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT NUKU!
I THOUGHT OF WHAT SHIMOPERA-SAN SAID YESTERDAY
HM?
HERE
WHAT'S WRONG ICHINA?
I STILL TRULY DON'T

OF COURSE THERE IS A REASON FOR IT
WELL, I TOOK CARE OF IT
YEP!
NOD
THIS IS JUST FOR SHOW ?
Its so silly
WHAT'S THIS?
A GUIDANCE COUNSELING FORM
PARENTS SIGNATURE
knows something I don't
Youko-san
THE DAY BEFORE MADE SEVEN YEARS SINCE HIDE-CHAN'S MOTHER DIED!
DO YOU KNOW, ICHINA?
OH, THAT REMINDS ME
...ABOUT NUKUI'S MOTHER
BUT HE NEVER WENT INTO DETAIL...
HE TOLD ME SHE WASN'T AROUND ANYMORE
EH? YEAH
YOU DIDN'T KNOW...?


IF HIDE-CHAN DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT,
IT'S USELESS TO ASK HIM, RIGHT?
WELL,
IT'S AN UNUSUAL TOPIC THAT DOESN'T COME UP NATURALLY.
Un-usual
YOUKO-SAN...
That means.
I see.
HM?
CAN I
ASK YOU ONE MORE THING?
EVEN YOUKO-SAN...
TO FORGIVE...
YOUR MOTHER?
IS IT STILL
HARD FOR YOU

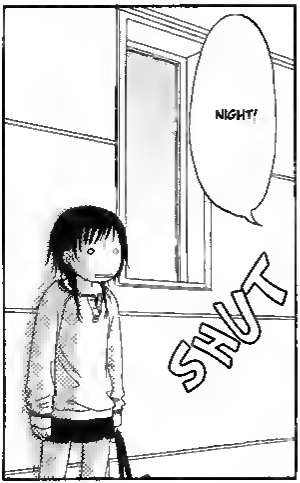
NUKUI'S WORDS ARE
STUCK IN MY HEAD
"SHE HATED ME."
"WELL, I NEVER LIKED HER MUCH EITHER."
AS LONG AS HE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT
I ONLY KNOW THIS MUCH
HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MOVE PAST IT
HUH?
I ONCE TRIED GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN
WHEN I MOVED... INTO THE PLACE WE HAVE NOW
AND?
IN THE END, THE OLD LADY, WHO STILL LIVES NEXT DOOR SPOKE TO ME

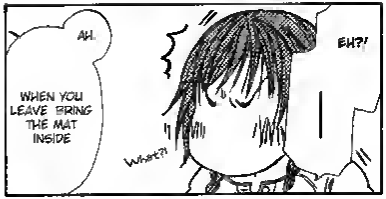

IT WAS A PANKROK IN MY NAME
SHE GOT IT WHEN I WAS BORN
SHE PASSED IT TO ME AND SAID
"I DON'T THINK IT MEANS MUCH BUT"
"FOR THE TIME BEING IT'S YOURS."
SHE SAID SHE HAD SOMETHING FOR ME.
BEFORE IT REACHED 10,000, I LOWERED IT A LOT!
THOU-SANDS INTO IT OVER THE YEARS!
SHE HAD DEPOSITED
I'M TALKING HERE!
GOOD STORY
Oh my
SO THEN...
...EH?
ARGH NOT A GOOD STORY AT ALL...
HMPH
It isn't for me, at all
THOSE SAVINGS FROM HER ARE USELESS!
SHE'S WATCHING TO SEE IF I'D USE THE MONEY!
I'VE CONTINUED TO DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAW MONEY SINCE THE YEAR I LEFT HOME
THE BALANCE IS 38 YEN!
It doesn't mean any-thing
It doesn't?
BUT...

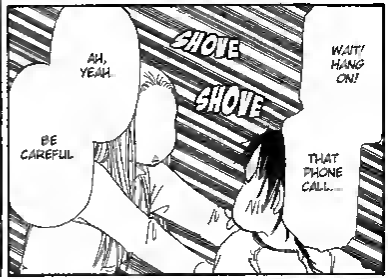
SHE HAD HER TIME BEING A MOTHER
SHE CERTAINLY HAD IT... BUT SHE THOUGHT LITTLE OF IT
EVERYTHING WAS QUICKLY PUT ON HOLD IT WAS ALL NONSENSE TO HER
JUST BECAUSE SHE PUTS A BIT OF MONEY AWAY DOESN'T MEAN SHE'S THINKING OF ME...
I CONSIDERED ALL THAT
I DON'T KNOW... WHETHER OR NOT I FORGIVE HER
BUT SHE SHOULD
"MANY TIMES, MANY TIMES"
HAVE BEEN A MOTHER BUT SHE COULDN'T
MAYBE SHE JUST HATED ME

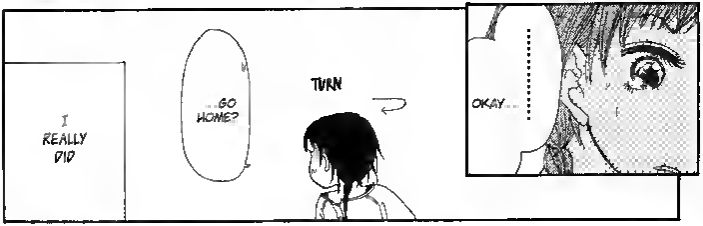
I...
"YOU HAVE NO EMOTIONS"
I WANTED TO BE LOVED
I WANTED LOVE
"I REACH OUT FOR YOU"
"AND YOU SHAKE OFF MY HAND"
AND PERHAPS...
"YOU DO IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN."
"YOU'RE A ROTTEN CHILD."
RING
RIIING
RIIING
FLINCH
FLINCH
THAT WOMAN JUST COULDN'T DO THAT
I WAS THE SAME.

Ah.
EH?
Some-thing
HELLO, SNACK ICHI
OH, GOOD EVENING
WHAT'S UP?
CLACK
AH
OKAY
WAIT
TIME OUT
BYE
I UNDER-STAND
YES
YES
SOMETHING
I'M CLOSING FOR TODAY.
I HAVE URGENT BUSINESS.
YOU SHOULD GO HOME TOO
CLACK
Oh, she's gone.
WHAT'S WRONG
YOUKO-SAN?
FWISH!
FWISH!
FWISH!
FWISH!


NIGHT!
SHUT


AH.
WHEN YOU LEAVE BRING THE MAT INSIDE
EH?!
WHAT?!


SHOVE
SHOVE
AH, YEAH.
BE CAREFUL
WAIT! HANG ON!
THAT PHONE CALL...


I REALLY DID
...GO HOME?
TURN
OKAY...

ICHINA-CHAN

WANT TO TALK WITH HER MORE.
OH.
3F
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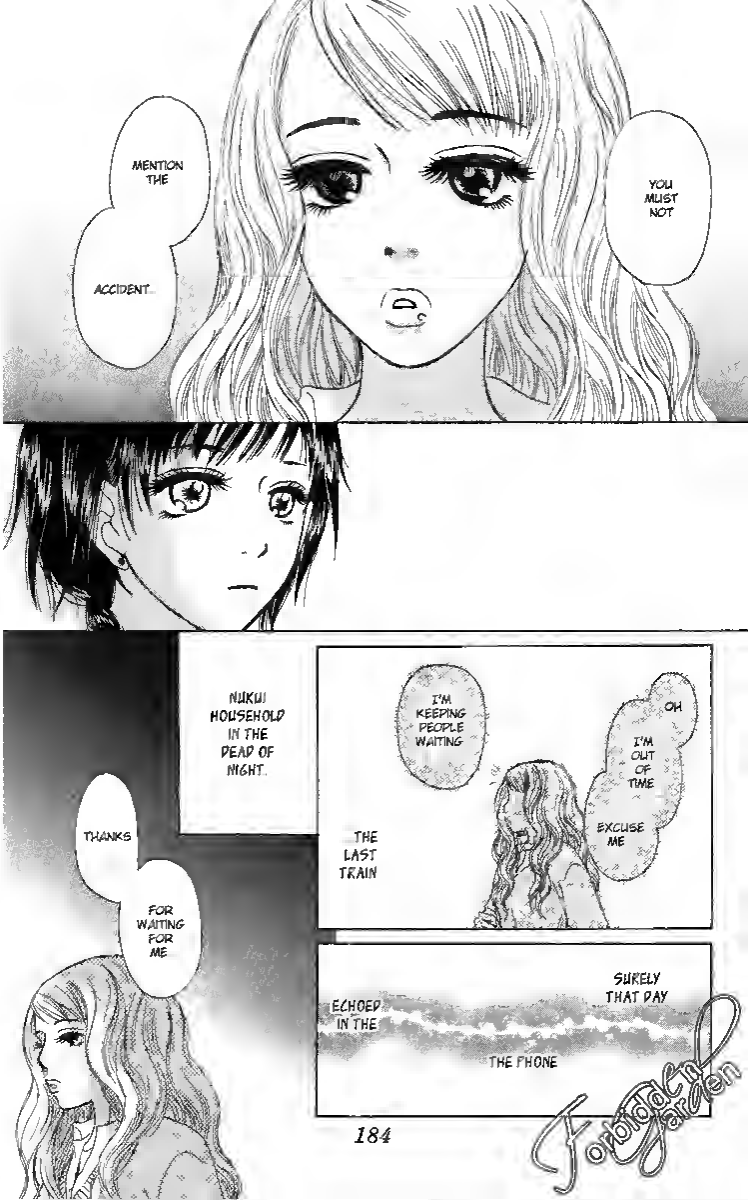
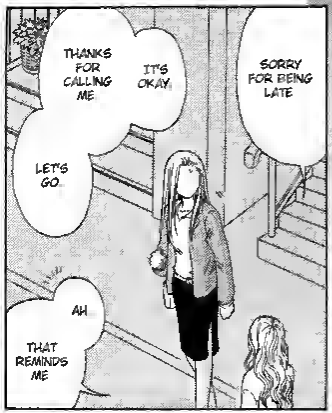
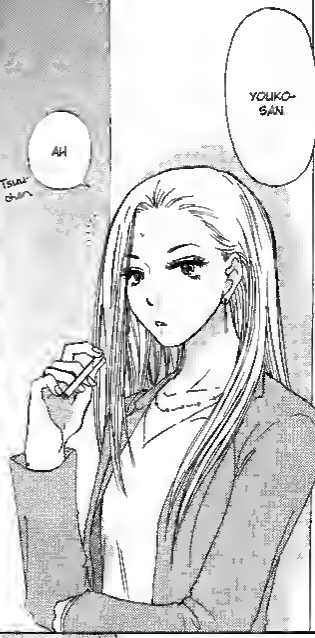
SHIMODERA-SAN...
WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
Nukui is with her today?
AH, NO-WHERE
I'M ON MY WAY HOME...
.....
That's right.
.....
BE CAREFUL
I'm going this way!
HMPH
SEE YOU THEN
NOW IS MY CHANCE !
AH, WAI-
WAIT UP PLEASE.
NUKUI'S MOTHER DIED?
WHY DID
ERM UMM
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING THAT'S A BIT PERSONAL!
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT?

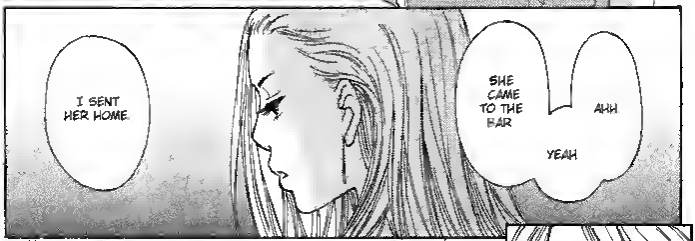
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
AH... ACCIDENT
SHE ACCIDENTALLY CROSSED OVER THE LINE AFTER MIDNIGHT
IT WAS THE LAST TRAIN...
uh
BEFORE THE ACCIDENT...
HE WAS JUST SITTING AT HOME WAITING ON THE BENCH FOR HOURS
EVERY-ONE SAW IT
SO THEN...
HMM...
BUT
Subtle

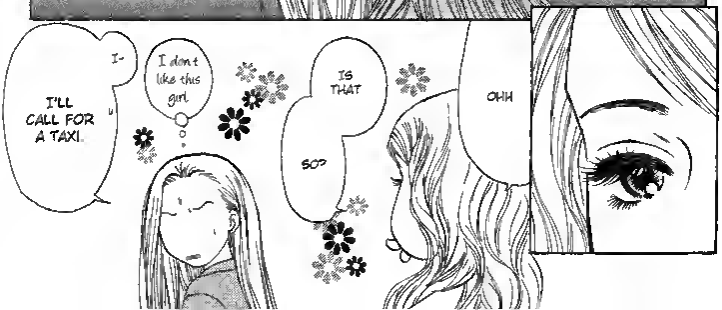

YOU MUST NOT
MENTION THE ACCIDENT.
NUKUI HOUSEHOLD IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.
I'M KEEPING PEOPLE WAITING
OH I'M OUT OF TIME
EXCUSE ME
THE LAST TRAIN
THANKS FOR WAITING FOR ME
SURELY THAT DAY
ECHOED IN THE
THE PHONE


THANKS FOR CALLING ME
IT'S OKAY
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
LET'S GO
AH
THAT REMINDS ME


YOUKO-SAN
AH
Tsuru-chan

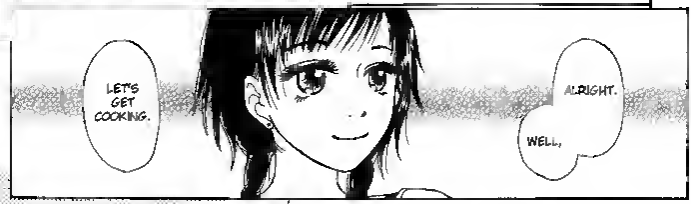
ICHINA-CHAN EARLIER
I RAN INTO


I SENT HER HOME
SHE CAME TO THE BAR
AHH
YEAH


I-
I'LL CALL FOR A TAXI
I don't like this girl
IS THAT SO?
OHH

WOW!
GOOD JOB.
AMAZING.
I DID IT ALL!
I peeled, sliced and rinsed.
clap
clap

tadah.


LET'S GET COOKING.
ALRIGHT.
WELL,

MAKING CURRY IS
KIND OF FUN.
Stir Stir
Okay then, hurry up and put it in.
This is curry.
Ohh.
It's really good.

I DON'T GO OUT-DOORS
YOU MADE IT OUT-DOORS?
OHH
AH, I SEE
EH? REALLY?
IT REMINDS ME OF CAMPING
stir
stir
WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO STOPOVER AT ANY OF THE SCHOOL EVENTS
BUT SHE
...MY MOM
glance
AH, BUT SHE WENT ON FIELD TRIPS
She wasn't around much
Is he bringing up the topic?
stir
stir
stir
THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION
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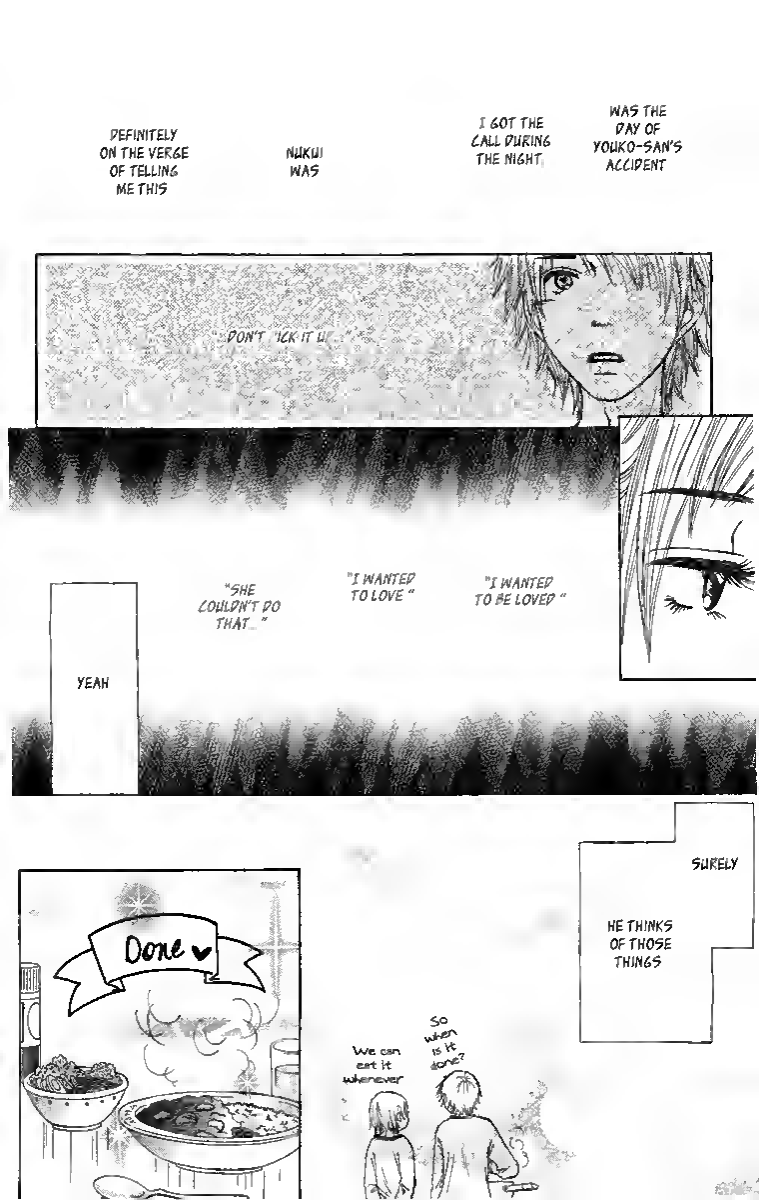
DEFINITELY ON THE VERGE OF TELLING ME THIS
NUKUI WAS
I GOT THE CALL DURING THE NIGHT
WAS THE DAY OF YOUKO-SAN'S ACCIDENT
"DON'T ICK IT UP..."
"SHE COULDN'T DO THAT..."
"I WANTED TO LOVE"
"I WANTED TO BE LOVED"
YEAH
SURELY
HE THINKS OF THOSE THINGS
Done
We can eat it whenever
So when is it done?

clap
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
Finished
OH, YOU SURE?
AH, OKAY
I'LL CLEAN UP TODAY
HM?
WADDLE
WADDLE
NOW
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR TOMOR-ROW?

hug
AHH
I
THIS ISN'T STRANGE,
IS IT?
NUKU!?
ERMM...
DID HE JUST WANT TO TOUCH SOMEONE?
WANTED TO DO THIS SINCE THE BEGINNING
I GUESS IT'S FINE
PERHAPS HE'S
it feels uncomfortable as it drags on.
It's getting
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DON'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM
SO
IT'S OKAY
HIS MOTHER, FATHER AND EVEN HIS CARE-TAKER
.....
It's okay
IT'S OKAY
AS LONG AS I CAN HAVE NUKU! NEAR ME
Ugh
.....
hug

SHOVE
ENOUGH ALREADY!!!!
ughh
ICH-
ICHINA-CHAN..?
pant
pant
pant
AH
ARGH..!
...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
LOWER IT TILL IT'S ZERO!
YOU'RE SO LUKEWARM!
I'm a splendid warm-blooded creature.
LOWER YOUR TEMPERATURE!!!
EH?
EH?
DAMN IT! WHAT IS THIS? A NEW FORM OF TORTURE?!
AND I'M A SPLENDID YOUNG WOMAN!!!

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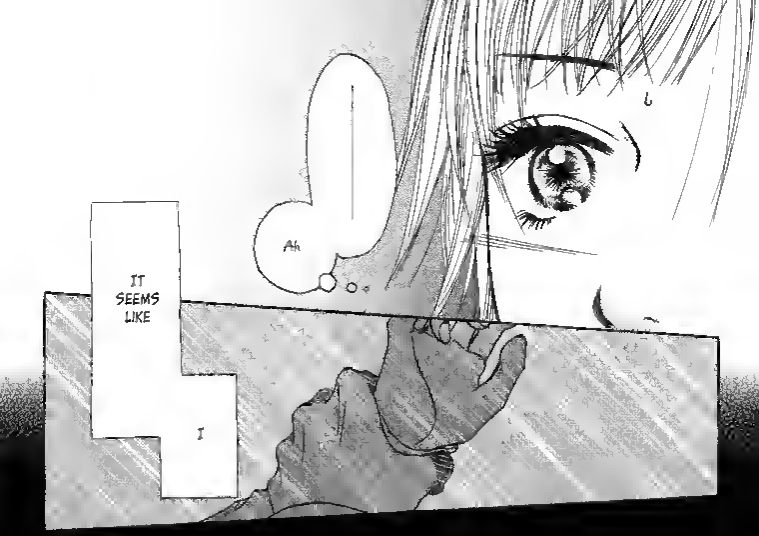
WHEN YOUKO-SAN HAD HER ACCIDENT,
YOU TURNED GHOSTLY PALE
AND YOUR HANDS SHOOK!
NOW I'M SAYING BAD THINGS
"I NEVER LOVED HER"?
LIAR
OH NO.
.....
YOU REMEMBERED DIDN'T YOU?
ABOUT WHEN YOUR MOM DIED!
YOU WERE SHOCKED WEREN'T YOU!?
BUT
IT'S NO USE
IN THE END
YOUR MOTHER NEVER DID THE ONE THING THAT YOU REALLY WANTED,
YOU JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO HOLD YOU GENTLY.
I CAN'T STOP

YOU ONLY WANT TO REPLACE YOUR MOTHER...!
THUD
OW...



I STEPPED ON A LARGE LAND MINE I STEPPED ON IT REAL GOOD

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